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Can the Nation Salvage Bitter Black Youths?.

By Bill Keller New York Times Sendoe

GUGULETU, South Africa - "I can leave you here and go away and come back just now," Victor Mdekazi told a white guest in this black township. "When I come back I will find you so o o much in blood."

He sat in a parked car around the corner from the gas station where Amy Biehl, an American Fulbright scholar, was slashed to death in August by a tauming mob of young men for being a white in the wrong.

Mr. Mdekazi, 18, and an organizer for a black nationalist student organization, intended no threat, merely basic instruction in an unpredictable factor of South African politics: the temper of the country's marginalized young blacks.

They are, to judge from a day among them here, spinits calloused by apartheid and resistance. They scorn deals made in their name at negotiating tables. They anticipate the nation's first free elections either with bottomless cynicism, or with fantastic expectations. Even their leaders wonder if they can be led:

"We've got to be realistic and honest here," said Tsietsi Telite, the chairman of the Pan-Africanist Student Organization, which comes closest to speaking for the hardened core of the generation. That hatred, you grow up, it develops within you. It needs much political education to give it direction."

Since the killing of the American woman, Guguleta, an otherwise interceptional black settlement foundering in the ocean of destitution that laps at the edge of idyllic Cape Town, has accepted its new notodety without apology.

For local militation the trial of sove freed after a witness said he was no terri-fied to testify — has become an apportuni-ty to demonstrate rejection of white an-

They journey to the trial in downtown Cape Town, war denoting outside the hedge of razor wire that the police have put up for security, chanting "One settler, one bullet!" hissing "Settler!" at white journalists who pass by, laughing as the

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By Paul Taylor

Washington Post Service
CAPE TOWN — The era of exclusive white minority rule in South Africa came to a close here Tuesday with the installation of the Transitional Executive Council, a multiparty, matiracial body that will oversee preparations for this country's first universal suffrage election.

The advent of the council marks the first time that black South Africans have an official infinence over government decision-making.

Its inangural session triggered a protect page.

Its inangural session triggered a protest near Pretoria, where 30 armed pro-apartheid white rightists occupied a former Boer War fort that

The mandate of the council, an interim body, is to "level the pisying field" in advance of the April 27 election. It will have a combination of administrative, watchdog and veto powers over election law, internal security measures and

verted theater near parliament that once housed the president's council, a governmental body created a decade ago to rig the legislative deck in favor of white rule.

"It's a poetic irony that we can be sitting here in a chamber built to prop up apartheid as we begin the task of destroying the pillars of apart-heid, said foe Slove, chairman of the South African Communist Party, one of 19 groups with a seat on council. All but three of the groups are predominantly black.

Absent from the council were any members of the Freedom Alliance, a group of white conservative and black homeland leaders who oppose the negotiated transition to majority rule and prefer some form of confederation to a

Last minute negotiations between the gov-ernment and the alliance failed to produce a breakthrough. Government negotiators said they still expected the black homeland parties to participate in the election, but were unsure whether the Conservative Party and the Afrikaner Volksfront, which are holding out for an ethnic state for whites, would campaign as well.

Although the council is the product of long negotiations, its leaders cast its functions in sharply different light.

The chief negotiator for the African National Congress, Cyril Ramaphosa, warned that the connecil must not be merely an advisory body restricted to using "toy telephones" — an apartheid era term used to describe the illusion of input which whites gave blacks. "We must resist the attempt to reduce the TPC to a stoothies body, he said.

nt Frederik W. de Klerk, speaking before he left for Norway where he and the ANC president, Nelson Mandela, will receive the Nobel Peace Prize later in the week, said the

Their differences appeared to be mostly a matter of partisan semantics, however. A close working relationship has developed in recent months between the government and the ANC, and they have collaborated on virtually all major government decisions this year.

In its first official act, the council agreed to-

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Japanese rice farmers sitting in front of the Ministry of Agriculture in Tokyo during a demonstration on Tuesday against importing rice.

Breaking Taboo, Japan to Import Rice

New York Times Service

TOKYO - After decades of saying that rice and rice farmers hold a sacred place in Japanese society that must be protected from foreign incursions, the government of Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa said Tuesday that it would reluctantly open the nation's rice market to imports, removing a major stumbling block to the conclusion of world trade talks by the middle of next week.

Mr. Hosokawa is expected to make the historic announcement, whose symbolism and po-litical importance in Japan outweighs its economic impact, in a speech to country on Friday, members of his cabinet said Tuesday.

But the 55-year old prime minister, who has carefully stage-managed the opening of the

market for weeks, left little doubt about his intentions when he told parliament that maintaining the blanket ban on imported rice threatened the system that is the lifeblood of Japa-

nese industry.

Even before Mr. Hosokawa's declaration. however, a rebellion crupted within his fragile coalition government that could threaten many of the economic and anti-corruption reforms at the center of Japan's slow-burning political revolution.

The Social Democratic Party, the biggest component of the eight-party coalition govern-ment and the most steadfast defender of farmers, threatened to leave the government, an event that would likely trigger its collapse.

The opposition Liberal Democrats, who were unseated in July after ruling for 38 years, were

maneuvering to use the rice issue to derail Mr. Hosokawa's political reform efforts and bring an end to the 70 percent approval rating he has

enjoyed for months. Mr. Hosokawa's political lieutenants seemed relatively sure the Socialists' threat to walk out was a bluff, staged for the benefit of its farmer

But they were clearly concerned that whatever magic seemed to surround the first 100 days

of his premiership was quickly wearing off. In the past week, Mr. Hosokawa has issued contradictory statements on how and when he would announce an economic stimulus package to rescue an economy mired in recession, all but ahandoned his commitment to pass the politi-

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U.S. and EC Vow a Final Push to Settle Trade Pact

2 Sides Remain at Odds On Films and Aircraft, Kantor 'Disappointed'

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The United States and the European Community agreed on Tuesday to make a last-ditch push for a global trade agree-ment by next week's deadline despite failing to resolve their differences over film royalties and

aircraft subsidies.
The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, said be was "disappointed but not discouraged whatsoever" after a marathon 22-hour negotiating session with the EC trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, ended Tuesday morning without a complete settlement of all U.S.-EC trade disputes.

Mr. Kantor indicated that he would bargain hard for European concessions on films and aircraft right down to next Wednesday's dead-line for reaching a global trade settlement. No Uruguay Round will be finished unless

these issues are resolved," he said, referring to the seven-year-old round of global trade talks. But both be and Sir Leon claimed major progress on most other issues, including big tariff reductions on industrial goods and a draft farm accord that even France welcomed. And the two men went directly in Geneva to sell the results of their talks to the other 103 member nations of the General Agreement oo Tariffs and Trade.

much at stake that it simply can't be possible to believe that a deal of this magnitude is not going to be reached," Sir Leon said.

In Geneva, Mr. Kantor said the eight days remaining were enough to complete the GATT negotiations, and he expressed optimism of resolving the disputes with Europe over films and aircraft.

"We are close enough on both subjects that with goodwill on both sides we could reach a solution," he said.

The talks in Geneva have been stalled for months as other nations waited for the United States and Europe to resolve their numerous trade disputes and come up with a hilateral settlement that could serve as the basis for a

The GATT director-general, Peter Sutherland, expressed "confidence" about the prospect for reaching a global deal after hearing from Mr. Kantor the results of his negotiations

round is on track," Mr. Sutherland said.

But Japan cautioned that U.S.-EC progress was not enough and warned that a stiff American position on anti-dumping rules and finan-cial services, the latter of which is aimed at wringing concessions from Tokyo, could cause the global talks to break down.

"If the U.S. persists in everything it has put on the table, yes, it can be a deal-breaker," said Koro Bessho, a Japanese Foreign Ministry offi-cial, after a meeting of top GATT negotiators on Tuesday evening in Geneva.

In contrast to the caution from Japan, the See GATT, Page 17

High-Flying Mechanics Giving Hubble an Exotic New Set of Eyes

By Kathy Sawyer Washington Post Service

HOUSTON - The crew of the space shuttle Endeavour was hoping for a grand slam Tuesday night as it prepared for its fourth spacewalk of the 11-day repair mission—this time to install the second and final set of corrective optics required to improve the blurry vision of the Hubble Space Telescope.

The high-flying mechanics, operating in alternating pairs with remarkable efficiency, have worked on the telescope since late Satur-

day, replacing solar-power panels, gyroscopes and other nonoptical equipment. Then on Tuesday morning — to the delight of auxious

mission and the status of each. Page 3.

Known as the Wide Field/Planetary Cam-

astronomers - they installed an improved A look at NASA's goals for the Hubble repair

replacement for the telescope's workhorse

era, it represents about 50 percent of the telescope's scientific capacity. The new \$23.9 million unit contains an optical system specially designed to reverse the effects of an error in the shape of the telescope's main mirror. Astronauts slid the extremely delicate apparatus into place well ahead of schedule.

"Every day is becoming more of a 'Can you top this?" said a backup astronaut, Gregory Harbaugh, at the Johnson Space Center's mis-

sion control. ... The scheduled centerpiece of Wednesday's

other half of the new optical equipment: a 700pound (300-kilogram) box the size of a phone booth. Called COSTAR, it contains a system of small arms designed to unfold and extend correctively ground mirrors the size of coins in

from of the telescope's remaining instruments. The two optical packages together, if they pass a routine six- or eight-week checkout, should restore at least 90 percent of the telescope's promised capability, scientists said.

The Hubble, launched in April 1990, was

tronomers since the invention of the telescope, bringing into sharp focus for the first time objects as distant as the outer edges of the universe. The flaw, discovered shortly after the Hubble was placed in orbit 365 miles (590 kilometers) above the Earth, has limited its studies mainly to extremely nearby or bright

objects. The spacewalking team of Kathryn C. See SPACE, Page 7

A Ray of Hope In Germany **For Economy** By Brandon Mitchener

tional Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - Strong gains in private consumption, exports and capital investment lifted German economic growth for the second quarter in a row, the government reported Tuesday, throwing out a glimmer of hope that the economy has begun to recover from its worst recession since World War II.

There is a good chance the recovery will continue, despite the familiar problems," Eco-nomics Minister Gunter Rexrodt said.

His cautious optimism, shared by other observers, came after the Federal Statistics Office reported that Germany's gross domestic prod-uct had grown 0.5 percent in the third quarter, the same increase as in the second three

By the government's definition, two successive quarters of economic growth mark the end Many independent analysts, however, prefer

a more restrictive measure that has not yet been fulfilled: two successive quarters of growth in utilization of industrial capacity.

Herbert Hax, chairman of the official Council of Economic Advisers, who works with the latter definition, said last week that he expected the German economy to stagnate through 1994 and not begin to recover until 1995.

Economists were pleased to see in Tuesday's data an increase in both equipment and construction investment in the private sector. But government and private-sector experts agreed that the speed of the recovery, and its delayed effect on the unemployment crisis, would leave much to be desired.

New job creation will not begin before the recovery picks up considerable speed and manufacturing production picks up, Mr. Rexrodt admitted. The Federal Labor Office on Friday reported a record level of joblessness, 2.49 million people in Western Germany and 1.15 million in Eastern Germany.

Industrial production, meanwhile, appears to have slowed its fall, but is still not growing significantly, and inflation remains stubbornly high. The Bundesbank's main barometer of inflation, M3 money supply, expanded at a 6.9 percent annualized rate in October, up from 6.8

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Houphouët-Boigny Dies, **Led Ivory Coast 33 Years**

By Kenneth Noble

New York Thnes Service Felix Houphouët-Boigny, president of Ivory Coast, Africa's longest-serving head of state and one of the last of a generation of leaders to take his people from colonialism to independence, died Tuesday at Yamoussoukro, Ivory

Mr. Houphouet-Boigny, who had been ill for months, underwent surgery for prostate cancer in Paris in June. He returned home last month. He was born Oct. 18, 1905 — or up to seven years earlier, according to some unofficial accounts -- in Yamoussoukro, north of Abidjan,

[Henri Konan-Bédie, president of the National Assembly of Ivory Coast, announced Tuesday that he was assuming the responsibilities of the presidency as provided for by a constitutional reform enacted in 1990, Agence France-Presse reported from Abidian The 1990 constitutional change calls for the assembly leader to complete the current presidential term. Mr. Houphoust-Boigny was elected to his seventh straight five-year term in 1990, due to

end in September 1995. In a statement read on television, Mr. Konan-Rédié said that "the country will be

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governed," and he asked for the cooperation of the population.)

The son of a wealthy chief who owned large cocoa and coffee plantations, Mr. Houphonet-Boigny made his way through the French colonial education system to become a prosperous rural doctor and successful planter.

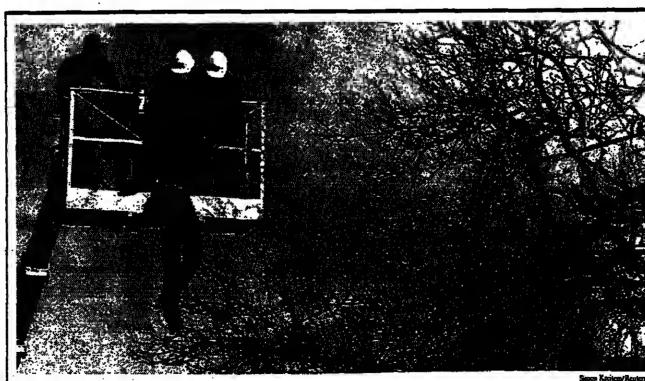
Since becoming president of Ivory Coast in 1960, Mr. Houphouët-Boigny presided over a tenfold increase in per capita income, to about \$900 today, in what had been one of France's more backward African colonies. A central element in Ivory Coast's prosperity was his decision to give industry a low priority

and develop agricultural resources first. He also encouraged foreign investment with few restrictions on the transfer of profits and capital. The first 20 years or so after independence bore out his strategy. Ivory Coast became the third leading coffee producer behind Brazil and Colombia, and by the early 1980s it became the world's leading cocoa producer. The country was often cited as a showcase for successful

capitalist development in an African setting. Through a combination of political acumen. cloquence and a calm and authoritative manner, he was able to avoid most of the bloody confrontation and political turmoil that plagued postindependence Africa. Even his harshest critics, who called him a tool of neocolonialism, concede that he instilled a strong sense of nationhood among the country's near-

ly 60 distinct ethnic groups. He turned to politics in the mid-1940s. In 1944 he was a co-founder, with other disgrun-tled African planters, of the African Agricultural Synchicate, a group organized to protect its members interests against inroads by French settlers. Within a year, after converting the organization into the Democratic Party of the

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CAUGHT UP A TREE — London police removing a protester on Tuesday from a 250-year-old chestnut tree that is due to be cut down to make room for a new highway. The police officers brought in a hydraulic lift and plucked the protesters off their perch.

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Frenchman Is Killed in Algeria

was shot to death Tucsday at Larbaa, a village south of the Algerian capital, security forces announced.

Ten loreigners have been killed since Sept.

ALGIERS (AFP) - A retired Frenchman 21: three Frenchmen, three Russians, three Latin Americans and a Spaniard. Islamic fundamentalists fighting the government said all foreigners had to leave the country by Dec. 1.

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Revolution of Sorts Beckons for Italy's Ex-Communists

By Alan Cowell

ROME — Their name has changed, their ideology has died and no one is talking class struggle anymore. Yet, after almost five decades in the antercoms of power, Italy's onetime Communists seem finally to reckon their moment has come — too fate to storm the harricades but, maybe, just in time to reap the ironic

Through the years of the Cold War, Italy's Communists — the most powerful in Western Europe — were kept out of office by an alliance of centrist parties whose cover was the crusade against Moscow and whose reward was access to vast and illicit patronage from the state coffers.

Now, those same centrist parties — the Christian Democrats, the Socialists and their allies — are in disgrace because they overdosed on the pork barrel. And the former Communists, denied any obvious chance to be as dishonest, have turned their enforced political cleanliness into a vote winner

In mayoral elections last weekend, the former Com-

By Margaret Shapiro

tinguished "eternal" flames at a

large regional war memorial and announced that it might close all

schools until summer because it cannot afford to heat them. In Georgia, people have been standing in line all night to buy bread at one of the few bakery

sbops still functioning, while the

military has been sent to guard

In Belarus, the government re-cently put many factories on an

And in Russia, one of the world's largest energy producers, cities from Kaliningrad to Khabarovsk are shivering because they have not

received promised oil supplies dur-ing one of the coldest autumns in

recent memory.

After two years of dire but often

unfulfilled warnings, the crisis

spawned by the breakup of the So-

viet Union and the collapse of its

centralized economy is finally hit-

ting bard many paris of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Offices are cold, factories are bare-

ly operating, apartment beat is sup-plied fufully and hot water, in many cases, does not exist.

Life in Moscow and in many

large Russian cities remains close

to normal, although threatened strikes by workers in the energy sector have left many people, and their leaders, extremely nervous.

But the outlying republics are suf-fering an oil shock more traumatic

than the one the West endured 20

years ago, when the Organization

of Petroleum Exporting Countries began to flex its muscles.

Russian Miners

Defy Union Deal

MOSCOW — Miners in Russia's

committee said that by Tuesday

evening 12 out of 13 pits were on

strike, demanding that the govern-

ment should pay the huge sums

that industries across Russia owe

Under prodding from Western

lending agencies and its own eco-

nomic needs. Russia has raised the

price it charges for oil and gas to near world levels, depriving the other former Soviet republics of the

cheap, subsidized fuel on which

their economies have been based

for decades. It has also slowed or

stopped deliveries to countries, like

Ukraine, that have failed to pay

Deputy Prime Minister Alexan-er N. Shokhin recently estimated

that Commonwealth countries had

collectively run up a debt of several

pillion dollars that Russia is now

output according to Western esti-

Russia drove the final nail into

the Soviet economic coffin last

summer when it dumped the old

Soviet ruble in favor of a new Rus-

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their bills.

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for a second day on Tuesday, defy- a Western economist based in Mos-

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Oil subsidy savings totaled 20 per-cent of a republic's total economic

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trying to recoup.

every-other-day work schedule.

bakeries from riots.

MOSCOW — In Ukraine, the government shut down daytime television broadcasts last week, exmunists and their allies swept the five biggest cities at issue and won in many other municipalities, defeating both neofascists and the federalist Northern League.

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Moreover, the Christian Democratis and their allies, with a complete acceptance of the role of the market." virtually obliterated by the corruption scandal, were harely to be seen. Many analysts took the vote as a harbinger of things to come in oational elections

expected in the spring.

It was, perhaps, another twist of fate that the victory came when, and partly because, the broader ideological war had already been lost on the battlegrounds of the Cold War.

"The ideology has all disappeared," said Pietro Folena, a former Communist legislator in Sicily.

That much was evident when the former Community was evident when the former Community was evident when the former Community was all the community was evident when the former Community was evident was evident was evident when the former Community was evident when the former Community was evident when the former Community was evident was evident when the former Community was evident was evident when the community was evident when the community was evident when the community was evident was evi nist leader Achille Occhetto announced Monday night that his priorities in government would be to continue economic austerity, pursue plans to sell off state industries to private buyers and thus cut back the massive public debt, policies that did not smack of spendthrift socialism

"From the political point of view, very little remains

Cold Is Beginning to Bite in the Ex-Soviet Union

In 1991, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Communist Party of Italy changed its name to the Demo-cratic Party of the Left and shed its radical wing, now called Communist Refounding

For the former Communists this means that there is no turning back to the class struggles of the past.

"This is a party of order and efficiency, not radical transformation," said Professor Gianni Vattimo of the University of Turin. The view is not universal.

"I, like many others, am afraid of the left," said Alessandra Mussolini, the granddaughter of the dictator Benito Mussolini, who lost to a former Communist candidate last weekend in the race for the mayorship

The left instills fear in those who care about the economy and the future of Europe. With communism, there is no Europe, no future," she said. As evidence of

of northern Italy.

Moreover, while the former Communists emerged as victors, they did not win alone, securing their dominance only by forging alliances with other partles, notably Greens and in some case hard-line ex-Communists and even, in Trieste, Christian

It is partly to keep the "progressive alliance" intact until national elections that the former Communists are laying so much stress on their repackaging as responsible candidates for government.

When, during the two-stage mayoral vote, financial markets took a dive on news of former Communist successes, Mr. Occhetto went out of his way to calm them. And, when the extent of the former Com victory emerged this week, the markets responded in kind: The lira firmed, stocks rose, in part because the leftist alliance seemed to offer a greater chance for

Arrest Hits Party in North Italy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MILAN - The treasurer of the ederalist Northern League party, which has surged to prominence as a result of anger at kickback scandals, was arrested on Tuesday on suspicion of correption, Italian

Since the kickhack scandals

Assailing corruption in Rome and making demands for a federal-ist state, the party won control of

tedison into an unspecified type of account in Curação, in the Netherlands Antilles, news reports said. It was not clear what then hap-

news agencies said. The treasurer, Alessandro Paelli, was arrested on the orders of Milan magistrates who suspect him of breaking the law on the financing of political parties, the ANSA and AGI agencies said.

Breaking the law on party financing has been the main charge against fallen former leaders of the nation's traditional political par-

No further details were immedi-

erupted 21 months ago, the Northern League has become arguably the most powerful political party in Italy's rich north.

Milan in local elections held in

provide everyone with six hours of vestment. Russia's energy minister burning fuel at double the usual

In Russia, it was the coldest November in 50 years, according to the state weather agency. The previous two years have been unusually warm, which has colded out wood-burning stoves and a supply of logs to local citipened to the money.

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WORLD BRIEFS

East German Spy Assails Gorbachev
PARIS (AFP) - Markus Wolf, the former East German master spy who

was sentenced on Monday to six years in prison for treason, says that Mikhail S. Gorbachev "betrayed" Mr. Wolf and his men.

In an interview with a French weekly, Mr. Wolf said: "When I fled Germany, just before unification, I wrote twice to Gorbachev to raise the question of the future of my men in East Germany." He said the men were among the himmer supporters of efform" as engineered by the "were among the biggest supporters of reform" as engineered by the former Soviet leader.

"I never got any answer," Mr. Wolf said. "He betrayed us outright." He said that when Mr. Gorbachev was questioned by West German authorities on what to do with East German secret service agents, he reportedly told them, "It's your busines

Honecker to Get Pacemaker Implant

SANTIAGO (AP) — Doctors attending Erich Honecker said that the 81-year-old former East German leader has a heart problem and that they planned to implant a pacemaker later Tuesday.

Dr. Pedro Cubillos, medical director of the private Clinica Las Condes,

said the decision to operate on Mr. Honecker was made by several cardiologists. Mr. Honecker, who suffers from terminal liver cancer, was admitted late Sunday after he lost consciousness several times. Doctors said he has "a syncopal condition" and that the pacemaker "should solve the nucleus."

Mr. Honecker came to Chile in January after a Berlin court, citing his health, stopped his trial for the deaths of East Germans killed trying to escape to the West during his rule.

Greece Scraps Disputed Press Law

ATHENS (Reuters) — Greece's new Socialist-controlled parliament scrapped a press law on Tuesday that had caused the fiercest dispute over consorship since the country was run by a military junta from 1967 to

The law, passed by the previous conservative government in December The law, passed by the previous conservative government in December 1990, called for jail terms and \$500,000 fines for any press group that published statements made by gnertilla groups. Seven top newspaper editors were jailed briefly in 1991 for defying the law, which they described as unconstitutional and an effort to muzzle the press.

"This undemocratic law brought hardship to journalists but it has finally been put to rest," a Justice Ministry official said. Deputies from all parties, including the conservative New Democracy Parry, woted to repeat the law and the effect of the law are non-divergent superplicits would

the law and the official said all charges pending against journalists would be dropped. Several journalists were awaining trial under the law.

Philippine Rebels Free American

JOLO, Philippines (Reuters) — A kidnapped American translator of the Bible was freed on Tuesday from captivity by Muslim guerrillas on the southern Philippine island of Julo.

"I am emotionally fired. I want to thank God for his mercy in bringing about my release," said Charles Walton, 60, after his captors handed him over to the Libyan ambassador, Rajab Abdulaziz Azzarouq, in Patikul town. Mr. Walton was abducted on Nov. 14 from his home on Pangutaran Island near Jolo. He has been in the Pangutaran area for 20 years, translating literature and the Bible into the local dialect. translating literature and the Bible into the local dialect.

The gnerrillas, described by the military as from the fundamentalist Abu Sayyaf group, had demanded that Islamic diplomats attend his release. The gnerrillas had demanded the withdrawal of foreign Christian missionaries from the southern islands, a ban on fishing by foreign vessels and restoration of the Muslim barter trade in the area.

A member of the extremist Japan Red Army was sentenced to life imprisonment on Tuesday in Tokyo for masterminding two hijackings in the 1970s. The radical, Osamu Maruoka, 43, led a Red Army gang that secured the release of six colleagues from Japanese jails and \$6 million in ransom in the 1977 hijacking of a Japan Air Lines flight in Dhaka. He was also found guilty of masterminding the 1973 hijacking of another JAL jumbo jet with four Palestinian gnerrillas.

Mr. Schimberni, 70, who led the company from 1980 to 1987, was accused of diverting about 500 billion lire (\$300 million) for the contract of the extremist Japan Red Army was sentenced to life imprisonment on Tuesday in Tokyo for masterminding two hijackings in the 1970s. The radical, Osamu Maruoka, 43, led a Red Army gang that secured the release of six colleagues from Japanese jails and \$6 million in ransom in the 1977 hijacking of a Japan Air Lines flight in Dhaka. He was also found guilty of masterminding the 1973 hijacking of another JAL jumbo jet with four Palestinian gnerrillas.

(Reuters)

Strikes to Halt Sweden's Air Traffic

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - Almost all Swedish air traffic could be paralyzed by a threatened strike and possible lockout on Dec. 13 and 20,

Swedish employers said Tuesday.

Transport workers have called for the two strikes as a means of achieving a 3 percent raise. Employers have offered 1 percent. The employers said they would respond with a lockout.

A strike and lockout "would ground virtually all civilian Swedish planes," said Jonas Bernunger, a negotiator for employers. Many foreign airlines would also be affected, he added. It would involve about 5,000

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A special Concorde light around the world to celebrate the New Year has been canceled for lack of reservations, Air France and the travel agency marketing the supersonic trip announced Tuesday. It said only 10 people expressed interest in the 32-hour trip, which would have cost each passenger 149,000 francs (\$25,400).

Part of one of the three Nigerian bridges linking the economic capital on Lagos island to the mainland has been closed to traffic after a crack dozens of inches long appeared. The concrete structure, built 18 years ago, straddles Five Cowrie Creek, a lagoon between Lagos and Victoria island. Authorities feared it would collapse, the Nigerian news agency said.

(AFP)

The Channel Tunnel will carry out an evacuation drill of 1,000 people from a train in its center at the beginning of the year as part of security tests prior to its scheduled spring opening. They will be evacuated from a train halted in one of the outer rail tunnels via the central service tunnel. Also on the agenda prior to opening for freight traffic in March are tests of the ventilation and fire detectors.

eported from Dresden.

Houg Kong aviation officials blamed strong crosswinds for the accident Authorities on Tuesday ruled last month in which a Boeing 747-400 of Taiwan's China Airlines skidded out any connection to the Austrian off the runway on landing and plunged into Hong Kong harbor. No one was injured in the accident.

they were looking for Austrian na- trians since World War II. "We have had very promising information from the public, and we are narrowing down our list of suspects," Mr. Sika said.

ON THE BEACH IN SOCHI - A homeless old woman with her belongings on a beach in Sochi, Russia, after fleeing Abkhazia.

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Austrians Close In on Letter-Bomb Terrorists

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The energy shock was made even

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leus, som-coupons and others were unveiled over the last few months.

the republics were cut off from

cheap ruble credits as well as from

the cheap ruble-priced oil that is

still available to Russian consum-

The oil shock is compounded by

the failure of most republics' gov-

ernments to adjust to new econom-

ie realities. Some, like Georgia, Armenia and Tajikistan, are

foundering because of war and gen-

eral lawlessness. Armenia, under a

fuel blockade for the last few years from neighbor and enemy Azerhai-jan. is entering its third frigid, dark

than 20 times the minimum month-

VIENNA - Austria said Tucs-

day that anti-terrorist police had

received promising leads on righust

gasoline costing about \$25, more problems.

of Vienna, Helmut Zilk.

Bomb squad officers bave dereceived promising leads on rightist fused six other devices since the extremists suspected of a letter-campaign began Friday in the bomb campaign and were satisfied worst political terror against Aus-

Police searched two bouses

Vienna, and Interior Minister and workers laid aside tools for a Franz Loeschnak said more searchly up for these criminals," be told against political vinlence. reporters after a cabinet meeting.

said this week that Russian refiner-

ies and power plants had been

Already the effects are being felt.

In Kaliningrad, the Russian ex-

clave on the Baltic coast, a local

power station working overtime to

keep the city warm ran out of fuel

recently, leaving thousands shiver-

of Moscow, day-care centers, cle-

have been without heat for weeks.

"Arctic cold reigns supreme."

He said it was unlikely that the attacks were linked to groups from the former Yugoslavia - Austria has a border with the former Yugoslav republic of Slovenia.

Radio and television interrupted their broadcasts, trams stood still

minute's silence at 11 A.M. on es would follow. "The time is near- Tnesday, in a demonstration ■ Letter Bomb in Germany

The police defused a letter bomb found on the window sill of a smalltown East German bank, Reuters reported from Dresden.

Neo-Nazis' Hit List Alarms Germans

and addresses.



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BONN - Anú-racism campaigners in Germany urged the po-lice on Tuesday to protect them against possible attack after an underground rightist magazine pub-lished a hit list of leftists' names

Alarmed by a wave of rightist letter bombs in Austria, people tar-geted in the list have begun taking self-protection measures, they said. A senior German official urged



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the media not to publish the names lent clashes on Friday when leftists corps, in unusually pointed public and conceded that the list had altied to block rightists from hold-criticism on Tuesday, said Germaready succeeded in intimidating some anti-Nazi campaigners.

Bonn security officials said they had no hints that the bombings in Austria, thought to be the work of extreme rightists opposed to refu-gees and immigrants, would spill over into Germany. "After numerous attacks on for-

eigners' flats and asyhum seekers' homes, the neofascists are widening their radius of terrorist action." aid the Association of Anti-Fascists, a leftist group that represents victims of rightist crimes.

The Association of Anti-Fas-cists calls on politicians and officials to stand up to this neofascist terror and protect those under threat," it said in a statement.

for foreigners in Germany and to Dortmund was the scene of vioGroups in two other cities said

they were taking similar precau-The list, in a magazine called Der Einblick (Insight), surfaced last

week and appeared even more threatening after 10 letter bombs were sent to Austrians who support immigrant and refugee causes. Herbert Schnoor, interior minis-

ter in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, said the list's main aim was to intimidate leftists. "Unfortunately that has hap-

pened," he said after hearing a German Radio interview with a man who guit anti-fascist work when his name appeared on the list.

threat," it said in a statement.

Sixteen people and groups in the Dortmund area, named in the list, mel Monday to realfirm support.

Schnoor told the radio. ■ Diplomats Voice Concern

The dean of Bonn's diplomatic day.

ny's friends were worried by rightist attacks against foreigners, The Associated Press reported from Archbishop Lajos Kada, the

Vatican's envoy to Germany, spoke

at the annual holiday-season reception for the ambassadors at Chan-cellor Helmut Kohl's residence in the Schaumburg Palace.

"You'll understand that we are

deeply concerned about the safety of foreign citizens in your land," said Archbishop Kada, 69, of Hungary. "We hope and wish that foreigners who respect your traditions and laws can feel at home here."

Leipzig Graves Desecrated Agence France-Presse

LEIPZIG — A World War II Soviet military cametery here has been descented for the second time in recent days, the police said Mon-

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A security officer, Michael Sika, said information from the public had poured in after four people linked with refugees and foreigners were injured in letter-bomb blasts. the architects of time Suite up-grades for weekdays and even sweeter weekend packages. 31 floors of value. CHRONOGRAPH FRANCE: ARFAN, PARIS GERMANY: ANDREAS HUBER, MÜNCHEN ITALIE: PISA, MILANO SWITZERLAND: LES AMBASSADEURS, ZÜRICH, GENEVA LIECHTENSTEIN: HUBER, VADUZ THE LANDMARK
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U.S. Reveals 204 A-Tests and Its Plutonium Stockpile

By John H. Cushman Jr

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The United States conducted 204 previously unannounced nuclear weapons tests, the last in 1990, a figure that accounts for one lifth of all U.S. nuclear tests since 1945 and was about twice as many secret tests as private analysts had suspected, the Energy Department disclosed Tuesday.

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The tests, conducted at the test range in Nevada, were mainly small enough to escape detection by seismic measurements. Some of them resulted in accidental releases of small amounts of radiation inm the

The department, as part of a newly ordered declassification of millions of documents pertaining to the vast nuclear buildup of the past 50 years, also dis-closed for the first time just how much plutonium was produced, and some details of bow much of the material is still in stockpiles around the country.

The secret tests did not violate any laws or international weapons-testing agreements because they were conducted under ground. But they are more evidence

of a damaging culture of secrecy that compromised safety and environmental considerations, officials powers to unveil their own secrets as the days of global said, that the Energy Department is now trying to

Although some researchers who have been pressing the government to disclose more information about the nuclear weapons program said they were disappointed at how little new information was disclosed, the Energy Department, which manages the produc-tion of nuclear weapons, said the disclosures were just the first step in an effort to review 32 million documents for possible declassification.

The disclosures could, over time, produce substantial insights into the nuclear weapons program, of value to historians, arms control experts, and environmental groups and civilians who live near nuclear production plants and are concerned over the health and safety effects of the program, which has left a stocks are still to be used for weapons and the stocklegacy of contamination that has only recently been fully appreciated.

Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary, who is to visit Russia this month, said she also hoped the depart- reported from Washington:

nuclear confrontation recede.

"We were shrouded and clouded in an atmosphere ment is now grappling with the problem of how to of secrecy," she said, at a news conference where the store tons of plutonium waste that will remain radionew details were disclosed. "And I would take it a step active for thousands of years.

further: I would call it repression." even the government in the dark about some of its own assess health and environmental threats at U.S. weapsecrets, she said that the figures released about the ous production plants. amount of plutonium might be revised later.

At seven of its plants, existing stockpiles of the another plant, the Pantex plant in Texas, plutonium pile amount was not disclosed.

Paul Horvitz of the International Herald Tribune

United States used 89 metric tons of plutonium in its weapons production program. The Energy Depart-

The numbers are of little consequence outside the In one indication that the years of secrecy have left scientific community, but they could be used to better

In addition, Mrs. O'Leary said, publishing the fig-"As we progress in the cleanup, we may be discoverures "puts us honestly out front as a nation willing to
ing more plutonium," she said. "So you can look to see share and hoping that the other nuclear nations will do

As part of its disclosure, the Department of Energy bomb material amount to 33.5 metric tons, far more said it was declassifying about 80 percent of its docuthan is ever likely to find its way into bombs. At ments on a decades-long effort to produce cheap electricity by using lasers in the production of nuclear fusion energy, an effort so far fruitless.

The release of data on the U.S. "laser fusion" effort will cheer American scientists who have long worked in secret while their counterparts in Japan, Russia and Europe freely published on the subject.

Genetic Screening: Dream? Nightmare? **Project Stirs Strong Emotions** federal effort to map every one of

Ven York Times Service NEW YORK — In an ambinious attempt to eliminate common recessive diseases from their community, a group of Orthodox Jews in New York and Israel are using the most advanced molecular technology to screen young people considering marriage. It is a project that clicits strong emotions from geneticists and ethicists. Some say it is the fruit of a new genetic era. Others say it verges on a nightmare.

The leaders of the program, called Dor Yeshorim, Hebrew for "the generation of the righteous," say that it can serve as a model for the nation. It does not rely on prenatal testing because abortions are generally unacceptable to Ortho-

Nor does it advise couples to avoid having children if they are at risk of passing on inberited disor-ders. Large families of as many as 12 children are greatly desired in this community, instead, the goal is to discourage marriage or even dat-

ing between people who are at risk. Every year. Dor Yeshorim representatives go to the private high schools where many Orthodox families send their children and explain to the teenagers that they can have a simple blood test to see if they carry genes for any of three diseases, Tay-Sacbs, cystic fibrosis and Gaucher's disease. Those tested are given a six-digit identification number.

If a boy and girl want to date, or if they have already started dating. they are encouraged to call the New York Dor Yeshorim Central Office with their identification numbers. They are then told either that the match is compatible - that they are not at risk of having children with the diseases in question - or that they each carry a recessive gene that could result in a child with one of the diseases. Those couples are invited to come in for ge-

The project is run out of offices in Brooklyn and in Jerusalem. where directors of Dor Yeshorim arrange for the genetic tests at five centers in the United States and one in Israel. The tests cost \$25 each and are subsidized by funds from the Department of Health and Human Services and the New York State Legislature, as well as contributions from private donors.

Rabbi Josef Ekstein, a Hasid who has directed the project since its start in 1983, said 8,000 young people were tested last year for the pecessive genes. So far, at least 67 couples who were considering marriage have decided against it after

being advised of their risk. When Der Yeshorim began a decace ago, it tested for just one disease. Tay-Sachs, a degenerative neurological condition that is fatal in early childhood. A few months ago, the group began testing for

cystic fibrosis Dor Yeshorim also added a test for Gaucher's disease, a lipid-storage disease, and expects to begin screening for Canavan disease, a neurodecenerative disease

Some see this expansion as problematic. "As you move further and further away from an untreatable disease in which no one survives to cystic fibrosis or Gaucher's disease, I find the application much more troubling and much less acceptable," said Mark Siegler of the Umversity of Chicago School of Medi-

"It runs the risk of becoming the nightmare of the Human Genome Project," he added, referring to the

the 100,000 burnan genes.
Francis S. Collins, director of the
Center for Human Genome Research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, said parts of the program "sound just

But, Dr. Collins added, when there is strong pressure within a community for members to have genetic tests and to check on the genetic profiles of whomever they date, all individuals within that community may feel that they must be tested, whether they want to or

That takes away the sacred principle of autonomy," Dr. Colins said. And as more and more genes are added to the list, some people will run the risk of being genetic wallflowers, rejected by every suitor because of the recessive genes they carry.

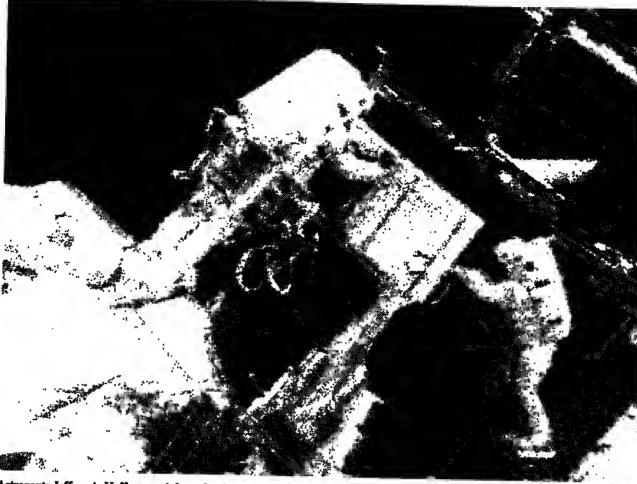
Opponents also point out that genetic testing is full of complex-tiles and pitfalls. Not only are there laboratory and human errors, but there are often enormous uncertainties about when and how a genetic disease might manifest itself. Many, if not most, diseases have a range of outcomes, from essentially no effect to devastating illness and, sometimes, death. Should you decide not to marry someone when the genetic disease in question might be so mild that it would never be noticed?

"We are all going to be faced with the responsibility of having this information about ourselves and bow we want to have this handled in our society," said Frances Berkwits, a genetics counselor for Dor Yeshorim and the Tay-Sachs Prevention Program at Kingsbrook Medical Center in Brooklyn.

Rabbi Ekstein began Dot Yeshorim a decade ago when knowledge about genes was not as sophisticated as it is today. He and his wife saw 4 of their 10 children die of Tay-Suchs disease, watching belplessly as baby after baby developed normally for four ot five months before beginning to weaken, have seizures and lose muscle control. The child would become blind and paralyzed, and after a few years would die.

At first, the tabbi said, he never spoke about his Tay-Sachs babies. When something like this happens, we try in cover it up," he said. Like many families in his religious community, he said, he and his wife were afraid that if anyone knew they had a sick child, no one would

want to marry the bealthy ones. About a year and a half after his fourth child died. Rabbi Ekstein said he realized that the reason God gave him four children with Tay-Sachs disease was so that be could help others prevent the dis-ease in their families. He began



Astronauts Jeffrey A. Hoffman, at left on shuttle arm, and Story Musgrave attaching a new camera Tuesday to the Hubble Telescope.

How the Shuttle Astronauts Are Progressing

A look at NASA's goals for the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission and the status of each; MAIN GOALS

Replaced two of three pairs of gyroscopes and one of three electrical units to guide them.

· Replaced four fuse plugs for Hubble's sci-

ence instruments. Replaced two solar panels. The 40-foot (13-meter) electricity-generating wings provide Hubble with electrical power. The old ones shook when the telescope passed in and out of daylight. One was also found to be warped.

 Installed an updated Wide Field-Planetary Camera. This wedge-shaped instrument is an improvement over the original and contains corrective mirrors to compensate for the flaw in Hubble's primary mirror.

 Replaced one of two quirky magnetome-ters, which measure Earth's magnetic field to guide the telescope.

· Install another set of corrective optics. This instrument, about the shape and size of a phone booth, contains corrective mirrors for three

· Replace one of two electronics drive units for the solar panels, SECONDARY GOALS.

Replaced four gyroscope fuse plugs.

 Replaced a second gyroscope electrical Replaced the second magnetometer.

 Install a new co-processor in Hubble's computer with upgraded memory.

• Install a switch on the telescope's ultraviolet light desector.

Away From Politics

 The black man convicted of beating a white truck driver during the Los Angeles riots last year was given a maximum 10-year sentence on Tuesday. Damian Williams, 20, who will receive at least two years' credit for time served since his arrest in the beating of Reginald Denny, had asked for probation. But Judge John Ouderkirk of Superior Court told Mt. Williams: "It's intolerable in this society to attack and main people because of their race." Before announcing the sentence, the judge played a videotape of the riot attacks at Florence and Normandie avenues in South Central Los Angeles on April 29, 1992, in which Mr. Williams was involved. The riots followed the acquittal of fout white policemen on most state charges in the 1991 beating of a black motorist. Rodney King. Two of the four were later convicted of federal civilrights charges. Mr. Williams was convicted of

felony mayhem for attacking Mr. Denny and

four misdemeanor assault counts. The mayhem count carried a maximum eight-year term; each misdemeanor count, six months.

 Some of the addicts and alcoholics who collect federal disability benefits wind up using the money to buy illicit drugs ot liquor. The Social Security Administration says 72.137 drug addicts and alcoholics were collecting Supplemental Security Income disability benefits in September, but fewer than one-third, 22,000, were in treatment for addiction. As a result, some addicts on the SSI welfare program for the low-income disabled and elderly may be spending benefits on liquor or drugs.

• A woman dying of cancer paid a neighbor \$2,100 to kill her, but after the teenager she hired tried to strangle her, she regained cousciousness and called him back, and he blud-

coned ber in death, according to prosecutors m Summit, Illinois. Reggie Williams, 18, was charged with first degree murder and held on \$350,000 bond. The victim, Susan Potempa, 50, was found dead in her home on Thanksgiving Day while her busband and son were out of town. Officials said they did not know wby the woman had hired the teenager to kill instead of taking her own life.

 A former Roman Catholic priest who sexually assaulted dozens of children while serving as a parish priest three decades ago, has been sentenced to 18 in 20 years in prison. James R. Porter, 58, was tearful as be was led from Bristol County Superior Court in New Bedford, Massachusetts, in begin serving a term that many victims complained was too lenient in light of his sexual crimes. Mr. Porter could be eligible for parole in six years.

AP. Reuters. WP

AMERICAN TOPICS

U.S. Hopes to Break Bribery Habit Abroad

The Clinton administration is trying to stop bribery by foreign companies that is depriving U.S. concerns of business in develop-

countries to follow the American lead in outlawing the bribery of foreign officials.

At the same time, the Central Intelligence Agency is stepping up efforts to discover who in foreign countries is bribing who else in order to get contracts that American companies are losing." according to James R. Woolsey, the CIA director.

The United States has stood virtually alone for years in trying to stamp out the worldwide pracing countries. The Washington ince of greasing the palms of local Post reports. Officials say the officials in order to get business State Department is asking other | contracts. Bribery by Americans

was outlawed by the Foreign Cor- than from eigarettes or pipes. In rupt Practices Act of 1978. No other country has followed the U.S. lead, and many European diplomats and business

have ridiculed the United States as being naive on the subject. But Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher says he hopes that public outrage over bribery scandals in like Japan and Italy may have changed people's minds, of-

Short Takes The second-hand smoke from cigars is even more bazardous

reply to a reader's query. The New York Times cited a 1982 study by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Naval Research Laboratory. "Pipes are about as bad as cigarettes. study said, "and cigars are defi-nitely worse. The bigger they are, the worse they are." It added: "In terms of emissions of particles, a cigar was worse than three ciga-rettes. And it had 30 times the

carbon monoxide emissions of one cigarette." "The Merritt Parkway," a new book by Bruce Radde, contrasts

the Merritt, which winds scenical ly through Connecticut, with the Pennsylvania Toropike, which heedlessly buildozes across the landscape. These were the prewar ancestors of today's multilane interstate highways. Nearly all have been patterned after the Pennsylvania model. This, writes Jona-than Yardley in a Washington Post review, "should come as no surprise to anyone familiar with the American penchant for ugliness.

Arthur Highee

After NAFTA, Labor Cuts Off the Democrats

WASHINGTON - in the aftermath of the bitter fight over the North American Free Trade Agreement, organized labor has decided in cut off financial support to Democratic campaign committees for at least three months.

The decision made by legislative and political directors of the AFL-C10 unions at a meeting last week and confirmed by Rex Hardesty, the AFL-CiO spokesman.

"There is a decision to do nothing for a while," be said, at least until the AFL-CIO executive council members have a chance to review the situation at their Feb. 21 meeting, Mr. Hardesty said.

The cutoff applies to the Democratic National Committee and to

the separate committees supporting Senate. House and gubernatorial candidates, sources said. Labor is normally one of the biggest, if not the biggest, sources of funds for those groups. In the partial reporting for 1993, the Federal Election Commission said unions had given \$1,059,700 to the three major Democratic committees. Several sources said the meeting at the AFL-CIO headquarters

showed that tempers had not cooled since the White House overcame determined union opposition and pushed NAFTA through the House on Nov. 17. The Senate, where opponents mounted less of an effort, later completed approval of the trade pact.

"People were very angry at the couple dozen House members and the two or three senators who broke their pledges to vote against NAFTA," one source said. "But they were equally angry with President Clinton for the abuse he gave us."

Particularly vexing people who attended the meeting said, were-Mr. Clinton's comments on the NBC News program "Meet the Press." 10 days before the vote, that organized labor was using. "roughshod, muscle-bound tactics" to line up congressional opposi-tion to NAFTA. Thomas Donahue, AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer. called it "a cheap shot" at the time, and that view was expressed at

last week's meeting.

One union official complained that Mr. Clinton was feeding the stereotype that union leaders were "thugs, real Mafia types."

Another argued that there was a "double standard," noting that when homosexual rights sharply criticized Mr. Clinton for changing his policy on homosexuals in the military, "he didn't attack them the way he attacked us."

Surgeon General Backs Legalization of Drugs

WASHINGTON — Surgeon Oeneral Joycelyn Elders said Tuesday that the legalization of illicit drugs "would markedly reduce our

Dr. Elders said other countries had decriminalized drug use and had reduced their crime rates without increasing the use of narcotics. She also said she had not discussed the issue with President Bill Clinton and that she was not speaking for the Clinton administration. She made the remarks in response to questions at a National Press Club luncheon.

"I do feel we would markedly reduce our crime rate if drugs were legalized," said Dr. Elders, the former Arkansas health commissioner. She added that she did not know "all of the ramifications but I certainly think it's worth studying.

"We need to do studies to find out whether" legalization makes a difference, said Dr. Elders, who devoted her speech to a call for addressing violence as a public health problem rather than just a criminal justice issue.

There are a lot of things that are sensitive subjects, and just because they're sensitive subjects does not mean that we should ignore them when they are destroying the very fabric of our com-Mayor Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore has stirred controversy by

(AP)

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suggesting that heroin be legalized.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the U.S. surgeon-general, on the culture of firearms in the United States: "Please think twice before buying that toy gun for a child. These toy guns are not child's play."



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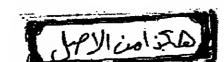
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Stop Squabbling and Settle

Trade agreements are always tough to ne- the case of the North American Free Trade gotiate when times are hard and unemploy-ment is high. The enormously ambitious effort known as the Uruguay Round, now coming to a make-or-break decision in Brussels, was be-gun in 1986, a year of solid economic growth and optimism. But then the United States fell into a recession from which it is only slowly recovering, and both Western Europe and Japan are now deeply sunk in recessions of their own. No wonder the progress in these trade talks has been slow and uncertain.

Hopeful noises have recently been coming from Brussels, where trade oegotiators for the United States and the European Union (as the Community has renamed itself) have been trying anxiously to push each other to an agreement. They have said they would succeed soon. But that will not be the end of this process.

If they arrive at an agreement, the Americans and the Europeans will next have to sell it to all the other governments taking part in these talks - more than 100 of them - and then go on to settle a half-dozen other major issues. All that has to be done by Dec. 15. If that deadline is met, each government will have to ratify the result. In the case of the United States, it will require Congress to pass legislation and, as in

Agreement last month, that will not be simple.

The purpose of trade agreements is to make countries richer by increasing the competition among them. But in recessions, doubts rise in every country about its ability 10 compete, and anxiety about jobs is fierce. In the current arm wrestling between Americans and Euro-peans in Brussels, the French have been most conspicuous in dragging their feet. It is not irrelevant that the unemployment rate in France is oow 12 percent, nearly twice the rate in the United States.

And yet, after taking full account of all the difficuloes and all the hazards, it is necessary to say one more thing: The Uruguay Round has to be brought 10 a useful conclusion. It cannot be allowed 10 fail.

The basic argument for it is a simple one.
During the past century the times of expanding trade have meant increasing prosperity for most of the world, and the times of stagnant or contracting trade have been disastrous. That is why the quarteling in Brussels, which has gone on longer than it should, now oeeds urgently to be brought to a conclusion on which the next world trade agreement can be built.

Try This on North Korea

A U.S. intelligence estimate predicts that diplomatic efforts will fail to coax North Korea into allowing international inspectors into its nuclear sites. But there is no way of

knowing without giving diplomacy a chance.

Last Friday, Pyongyang said it would open several of its nuclear sites to inspection, but not its reactor, reprocessing plant and waste sites at Yongbyon. Access to the Yongbyon sites would depend on oegooating a package deal with the United States.

Before resorting to tougher measures, the United States could offer an equitable deal aimed at heading off a confrontation caused by North Korea's threat to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. That would be in America's and its allies' best interests.

Before its overture oo Friday. North Korea had been willing to allow the loternational Atomic Energy Agency to check the seals and replace the film in cameras monitoring its ouclear sites. These measures are designed to safeguard nuclear fuel from being diverted to bomb-making. But it bad refused to allow full inspections of those sites, the best way to prevent diversioo.

Now, however, Pyongyang is prepared to open several sites unilaterally and then oegotiate access to the Yongbyon sites. In the words of North Korea's Atomic Energy Ministry, "the routine and ad hoc inspections ... will be resolved one by one if further high-level talks will make progress and if further consul-

tations with the agency will be held."

The present U.S. posioon is that before high-level talks resume, the North must first allow IAFA access to its nuclear sites and begin bilateral talks with South Korea. North Korea does oot want to move first. Instead it hopes to oegotiate a package deal involving simultaneous concessions.

How might such a deal unfold? First, just as IAEA inspectors are visiting the reactor at Yongbyon, North-South and high-level U.S.-North Korean oegooators would meet. The United States and South Korea would inform the North of cancellation of their Team Spirit military exercises. The United States could then propose a broader package deal.

In return for full access to all sites, and an end to North Korea's missile sales, it could offer diplomatic recognition, reassurance on U.S. ouclear arms, a light-water reactor for the North to generate nuclear power, and ocgotiation of a peace treaty formally ending the Korean War. That would open the way to Western aid and investment and a lowering of barriers to trade.

North Korea could be stalling. Or it may genuinely wish to trade away its ouclear program for other benefits. The only way to find out is to probe diplomatically — by offering an enticing deal.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Post-Communists in Italy

In municipal elections on Sunday, voters in five major Italian cities chose the more moderate alternaove - the candidates backed by the former Communist Party, now known as the Democratic Party of the Left. The former Communists plausibly, though paradoxically, offer themselves as the strongest remaining champion of a unified, democratic and European-oriented Italy in the months leading up to next year's national parliamentary elections.

With the scandal-ridden centrist parties climinated in first-round voting two weeks ago, coalition candidates backed by the former Communists stood head-to-bead against ocofascists in Rome and Naples and regional sepa-ratists in Genoa, Venice and Trieste. Although the rightists and regionalists emerged as the largest parties in their respective strongholds. the left coalitions captured the mayors' jobs.

Italy's Communists were among the first anywhere to proclaim their full acceptance of partiamentary democracy. They have long held power at local and regional levels and their nationwide vote of between 20 and 30 percent made them a kind of silent partner in several national governments. What is different now is that the seismic corruption scandals of the past few years have shattered all their main national competitors. That leaves the former Communists, at least for now, as the main

standard-bearer against the radical right. For years. Washingtoo actively promoted Italy's Christian Democratic and Socialist parties and their smaller centrist allies as a strategic bulwark against the largest Communist Party in the West. On its own Cold War terms, American policy succeeded. Italy remained a member of NATO and enjoyed decades of impressive economic growth. But Italians paid a price. Pavolfs inflated the cost of local government and paralyzed the administration of impartial justice. And the centrist coalition became entrenched as a permanent government, stifling any realistic possibility of healthy democratic renewal.

The collapse of Soviet power theoretically opened the possibility of change. But it took the prosecution of top Chrisoan Democrade and Socialist leaders and their business allies to smash the existing political system.

The post-Communists, as the only major oaconal party oot deeply implicated in the scandals, were ooe beneficiary. So were the previously marginal neofascists of the Italian Social Movement and the regionalists of the recently organized Northern League. The democratic credentials of all three are open to suspicion. But the post-Communists have gone furthest to dispel the doubts.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Russia's Czarist Eagle Is Back

The hammer and sickle, the world-recognized symbol of the Soviet Union, has now been consigned to the same historical trash heap as the state it represented. By decree of President Boris Yeltsin, the emblem that was once omnipresent across the vast empire is to be succeeded by the once equally familiar double-headed eagle of the czarist era. The eagle seal, one head looking east, the other west, is to be mounted on all major government buildings by Jan. 1. Mr. Yeltsin intends it to mark the beginning of a new era in Russia's history. There are some, however, who nervously wonder how far the return to traditions might go.

The two-headed eagle inescapably remains a symbol of autocracy, of the claim to divinely sanctioned absolute rule. Under that claim, Russians and non-Russians brought into the

empire endured long generations of exploita-tion, repression and brutality. Having only lately rid themselves of one despotism, Russians are now going to find themselves remind-

ed frequently of an earlier despotic heritage. Sunday, Russians will vote in the first free and competiove parliamentary elections in 75 years. They will also vote on a new 100-page draft constitution that few of them are likely to have seen. Mr. Yeltsin, again by decree, had originally forbidden any of the 13 parties seeking seats in the new legislature to criocize the draft. Now, under pressure even from some of his supporters, he has backed off.

That is a small victory for open debate. It will take many such victories before Russians can feel they have truly broken free of the harsh past that both the hammer and sickle and the two-headed eagle represented.

- Los Angeles Times.



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By James M. Montgomery

WASHINGTON — The World Bank has just published "The East Asian Economic Miracle," a grown as they have without this criti-390-page examination of economic cal mass of foreign-educated leaders. growth from 1965 to 1990 in Japan, If the answer is "no," then the South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore — what the bank calls the lesson for the East European countries is clear: They are woefully behind in developing this critical type of intellectual capital, and if they do not develop it they will not catch up, which would be disastrous for all. high-performance Asian economies. These economies have grown more than twice as fast as the rest of Asia and three times as fast as Latin America. In trying to explain this, the authors draw some useful conclu-

sions but miss an important one.

And this missing conclusion points

First, the authors point out that the

leadership in the Asian countries they

studied got the fundamentals right: high levels of domestic savings, ag-

The authors admit that they cannot explain it all. The factors they studied, run through a predictive model, pointed to growth rates dramatically small-

er than those that occurred, leaving an

The explanation may be found in a

massive transfer of skills and know-

ledge which the report's authors

failed to examine: Tens of thousands of East Asian business and political leaders have attended foreign univer-

sities, in the United States and else-

A superficial glance at the husiness

and banking communities in the Asian countries shows many foreign

graduates in strategic positions. This

is also true for governments. For ex-

ample, the prime minister of Singa-pore is a graduate of Williams Col-

lege, the education minister went to the University of London, and the

finance minister to the University of

California at Berkeley. Thailand's fi-

nance minister graduated from Har-vard and Stanford, and his father,

one of Thailand's most successful

bankers, graduated from the Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania in the late 1930s.

pan had 40,700 students in the United States, Taiwan 35,552, Korea 25,719, Hong Kong 13,191, Thailand 7,685, Indonesia 10,251, Malaysia 12,645 and Singapore 4,755, Except for a

small decrease for Malaysia, all of

these numbers represent an increase

over the previous year. Figures for schools in Canada and Western Eu-

rope will probably tell the same story.

ing annual investment of more than 35 billion in foreign study in the United States alone. This is too large

to ignore on financial or intellectual

grounds. The report's authors point

out how important investments in primary and secondary education have been. But the entire education

picture deserves attention. The au-

thors need to ask if those high-perfor-

mance Asian economies could have

BANGKOK — Want some light relief, other than the British

royalty, from the agonies of Bosnia,

Gaza, Somalia? Try the dispute rag-ing between Prime Ministers Paul Keating of Australia and Mahathir

Neither man is known for his reticence. Mr. Keating is capable of verbal vitriol robust even by Australian standards. Mr. Mahathir acknowledged recently that some of his controversial statements are

made with an eye to getting arten-

tion for Malaysia on the world stage. So it is all the more remarkable

that unstartling remarks by Mr. Keating have led to a row between the two governments. Malaysia has

announced that it is downgrading relations with Australia. Foreign Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi

said it could have "far-reaching con-sequences." Australian furns could

lose lucrative contracts in Malaysia, including a \$2 billion naval deal.

Already Australian television pro-

All this because Mr. Keating de-scribed Mr. Mahathir's attitude to

the Asia-Pacific Economic Coopera-

on group as "recalcitrant," and then in a subsequent letter to Mr. Mahathir explained the context of

his words but failed to apologize.

It is hard to say wby Mr. Mahathir

grams have been banned.

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These figures represent a continu-

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unexplained residual,"

The numbers are not encouraging. In the 1991-92 academic year, the Asian countries in the study had more than 150,000 students in America alone. The former Warsaw Pact countries had fewer than 6,500. Singapore, with 3 million people, had 4,755 students in America. The former Soviet to some urgent lessons about the bank's oewest challenge: the former Communist countries of Europe. Union, with more than 200 million people, had less than half that number. The problem is even sharper than the raw numbers indicate, since in gressive investments in primary and secondary education, good macro-economic management and limited

many ways the East Europeans need

the intellectual capital that foreign study offers even more than the Asians do. The latter have long had market economies, but the people in Europe's new democracies are not only inexperienced with market techniques and practices but, more important, have not begin to absorb the premises and

RIGHT ALONG HERE SOMEWHERE, SIR

attitudes behind those procedures.
For the foresceable future, attendance at foreign schools will offer the East European countries the best in-struction in techniques and the opportunity to absorb the new attitudes that these new economies must have. As history has shown, many of the returning students will be leaders.

Some will directly strengthen their countries' schools by joining facul-ties. Others will teach by example in the workplace. All will help tie their economies into the world market. Some will join the government, and those who do not will support the others in the fundamentals.

The World Bank has not been The World Bank has not been alone in failing to draw the appropriate lessons. Many in the Bosh administration actually fought the idea of bringing people to U.S. schools. Thanks to Congress, some programs were started, and now Congress and the Clinton administration appear united in a determination to get significant numbers of Russians and others into U.S. schools. As the World Bank starts its own flow of loans to these new economies, it, too, loans to these new economies, it, too, will want to apply all the lessons from East Asia in setting its educational and training priorities.

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Worried East Europeans See the West Overlooking Them

T MAY seem odd to a visitor from the West that . serious people in East European capitals are talking about "imperial" dangers posed by Moscow, but they are. Respected commentators charge on radio and television that Poland is the victim of "another Western betrayal." A front-page headline in the Polish newspaper Zycie Wars-zawy proclaims that "Imperial Russia Is Becoming a Fact." Justified or not, these fears reflect a growing East European perception of reality, and thus constitute a political fact of life that the West should take with equal seriousness.

Many Poles, including top foreign policy experts, see their country directly menaced by a resurgent and nuclear-armed Russia, and they are afraid that unless the West intervenes Poland and the rest of Eastern Europe will be drawn once more into Moscow's sphere of influence.

East European governments to protect themselves, Strong-ly nationalistic groups could reach for power, with extreme conservatives and former Communists uniting, triggering new turmoil and jeopardizing the nascent democracies. It would be folly for the West to allow history to take

nothing - such as expanding NATO membership east-

ward — that would jeopardize Boris Yeltsin's standing with the Russian military or interfere with Defense Minis-

ter Pavel Grachev's new defensive doctrine and his fears

Such a Western stand on security matters, combined

with reluctance to provide meaningful economic aid and

open markets, may lead to acts of political desperation by

such a course just four years after the walls built by totalitarianism came crashing down.

They Bless a Statue of a Mass Murderer

that Russia is being encircled.

N EW ORLEANS - On Oct. 22, the day after the U.S. Congress granted Romania most-favored trade status, a statue of Ion Antonescu was crected in Slobozia, near Bucharest. General Antonescu, the fascist dictator during World War II, was respon-sible for the deaths of at least 250,000

Jews and 20,000 Gypsics. This is the first statue of a war criminal from Eastern Europe to be erected since the war.

The dedication was attended by overnment officials including Mihai Ungheanu, an aide to former President Nicolae Ceausescu and currently secretary of state for culture, and Corneliu Vadim Tudor, a member of parliament who is a vicious anti-Semite. Other statues of General Antone-

scu are planned in several cities. This campaign to rehabilitate a mass murderer has terrified the Jews still in Romania. Anti-Semitic attacks are common in far-right newspapers and parliamentary speeches, but the Autonescu monument takes the situa-

tion to provocative new heights.

The extent of the Romanian Holocaust, rivaling Nazi Germany's in

A Spat for the Neighborhood to Watch

By Philip Bowring

Indeed, it is quite possible that he is

enjoying the fracas.

He has always been suspicious of APEC, which was originally an Australian initiative. His suspicious were

strengthened this year when the United States, which had long been lukewarm toward APEC, decided to

make it a key element in Asia policy. This was seen by Malaysia as a means of heading off its own idea for

an all-Asian group, the East Asian

Economic Cooperation forum, as a potencial counter to the NAFTA

His decision not to go to Presi-dent Bill Clinton's Seattle summit

of APEC leaders was consistent

and unsurprising.
But if Malaysia's response to

"recalcitrant" seems extreme, Mr.

Mahathir has in the process clever-ly provoked Australia's ocurosis

about its relations with Asian

countries. Mr. Keating, whose last

election platform contained much rhetoric about "joining Asia," now finds himself under attack at home

for harming relations with Asia by his allegedly loose talk.

higher proportion of trade with its

Asian neighbors than they do with

would be so upset with the word. each other. But in their confusion

Australia in fact already has a

and European Union blocs.

By Andrei Codrescu

savagery, is still not widely known. Radu Ioanid, director of the National Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, has studied recently opened archives in Romania and concluded that the dimensions of the

tragedy have been vastly understated. During the Ceausescu regime, official policy perpeniated the myth that Romanian fascism was more benign than elsewhere and that most Jews survived the war. This turns out to have been pure disinformation by Mr. Ceausescu, who needed the old murderers to support his own amalgam of national socialism.

The money to erect the statue of General Antonescu in Slobozia came from police officials and Iosif Constantin Dragan, an emigré business man and former member of the fascist Iron Guard.

made public speeches condemning anti-Semitism, could easily have dismissed the Slobozia police chief and

about their own identity as a Euro-

pean society on the edge of Asia, Australians often speak as though Asia were some kind of club for

which they had to qualify for mem-bership. One "blackball" from the likes of a Mahathir and they would

At times, Australia has seemed to lose sight of its national interests in pursuit of joining an "Asia" whose own identity and definition vary

from country to country. Malaysia has played on Australia's weakness

by referring to treatment of aborigi-

nes and suggesting that Australians could not be Asians because they did

not "understand Asian sensitivities," as if Asian leaders were always scru-

phiously points to each other.

It is possible to see in all this choes of anti-colonialism, reaction against Western arrogance, as well as East Asian confidence in the re-

gion's economic success.

But in reality, nongovernmental

relations between Australia and

Malaysia are close and cordial. The danger in the Keating-Ma-hathir clash may be that it will be

taken too seriously.

The neighbors have been amazed

and bemused by this bizarre saga. Ultimately, as a Thai diplomat put

it, there is only one sensible and

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positive reaction: smile.

pulously polite to each other.

not be able to join.

President Ion Iliescu, who has

nipped this outrage in the bud. Mr. Iliescu's own father was an immate in one of General Antonescu's notorious prison camps, at Tingu Jin. The president's failure to act testifies to the power of the extreme right wing

in Romania today. In 1991, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution on auti-Semitism in Romania that tied assistance, especially most-favored-nation status, to progress in "combating anti-Semitism and in protecting the rights and safety of its ethnic minorities." Romania is thumbing its nose at American concerns and underscoring the growing feeling in Eastern Europe that the United States is incapable of a firm

Despite the lack of urgency in the Clinton administration, the revival of fascism in Eastern Europe is cause for great alarm.

In Croatia, streets are being renamed after war criminals. This year President Franjo Tudjman nominatresident Franco Judgman nominated a former commander from the pro-Nazi Ustashe regime, Ivo Rojnica, as ambassador to Argentina. (Following protests, he withdrew the nomination without apology.)

In Slovakia, Prime Minister Vladi-

mir Meciar has proclaimed that Gypsies are a danger to the white race. In Russia, nationalists and fascists are vying for seats in parliament

The writer, whose film "Road Schol-ar" was released this fall, is author of "The Hole in the Flag," about the 1989 overthrow of President Nicolae Ceausescu in Romania. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

For India Fracture **And Flux**

By S. Nihal Singh

N EW DELFII — Prime Minister P. V. Narsimba Rao and his ruling Congress Party have strengthened their position after voters in four of the five northern states rebuffed the rightist Bharatiya Janata

Party, or BJP.
Though power in New Delhi was not immediately at stake, local elections in one-third of the country were seen as a referendum on the chances of the BJP's Hindu nationalist leaderof the BJF's Firmon nationalist leader-ship coming to power in the next general elections—and as a gange of Mr. Rao's political longevity. Congress swept the northern hill state of Himachal Pradesh, while RIP won control of the revived local as-

won control of the revived rotal as-sembly in the capital, which is only of symbolic importance.

The RIP's greatest setback was in losing Uttar Pradesh, the most popu-lous Indian state, which sends the largeest number of members to the lower house of Parliament. The BJP hadpushed its prolonged campaign for a Hindu India to a frenzied climax in Uttar Pradesh, culminating in the de-molition of the 16th-century Babni

mosque in Ayodhya last December. Uttar Pradesh, home of the Nehru-Gandhi family, has been the tra-ditional source of power at the na-tional level. Congress came in third there, however, following an alliance of caste-based and socialist parties

and the BJP. Amid the wave of communal vio-lence that followed the destruction of the Babri mosque, New Delhi had dismissed the BJP administration and imposed direct rule over Uttar Pradesh and the other northern states. The election results show that the BJP's seemingly inexorable march to power in New Delhi has been checked.

Congress is a tired old party but past challenges to it have been short-lived. In recent years, the BIP has eaten away at its dominance by contrasting its religious nature to Congress's traditional secularism.

The BIP's problem remains how to reconcile its concept of a Hindu India with the ethnic and religious mix of the country. There are more than 110 million Muslims in a population near-ing 900 million, as well as significant Christian and Sikh minorities.

The political future will depend on the BIP's ability to move toward the center. To do so, it would have to discipline fanatical elements and break with demanogic associations like the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (World Hindu Organization) and the paramilitary Bajrang Dal. Lal Krishau Advani, the BJF presi-

dent, is an astute politician, but he has often adopted extremist postures for electoral profit. How far he can lead his party to a needed realign-ment of policies remains to be seen.

The need for introspection is even greater for the Congress Party. Judging by past form, a review of its less than glorious performance in the latest elections will be perfunctory.

Congress gained strength by belpcongress gamed strength by map-ing win independence from Britain in 1947 and then providing an umbrella under which many tendencies could nextle. But in the past three decades, the party has suffered from splits engineered by Indira. Gandhi to assert her control. Her assassination, and that of her son and successor Rajiv, deprived Congress of the lead-crship of a legendary family. During his two-year rule, Presi-dent Narasimha Rao has been bold

in changing economic policy but timid in resolving contentions politi-cal problems. Although a fluent speaker of Hindi, the language of the North, he is from the South. Congress lost much of the North to the BJP and other parties in the last general election.
Opposition efforts to displace

Congress in New Delhi have failed— it had too tight a hold on the political center. The BIP's challenge from the right has been laced with a strong appeal to religious sentiments. But as the local elections proved, there are limits to the success of extremist positions in India's polity.

The recent elections helped en-

treach caste as a factor in electoral politics in the North Caste has long been accepted as a starting point in politics in the South. The remarkable showing of the alliance representing the lower castes and a predominantly caste-based party is being presented as the enfranchisement of the tradi-tionally dispossessed. While the elevation of the lower

castes in the political hierarchy is to be welcomed, the new divisions along caste lines mean a more fracture polity. For India, a further period of political transition lies ahead

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: The Wrong Bottle

LONDON — The inquiry into the death of the late Professor Tyndall held yesterday [Dec. 7] was of a very painful nature. Mrs. Tyndall stated that the deceased had been in delicate thealth for three years. "As a rule there were two bottles near the bed," Mrs. Tyndall said, "one magnesia, the other chloral. On Monday I measured a tablespoonful of magnesia, I thought, and added water. All he said was: 'There is a curious sweet taste.' I said: 'John I have given you chloral.' And be said: 'Yes, you poor daring, you have killed your John." Mrs. Tyndall here broke down with intense emotion

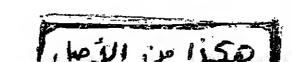
1918: Occupation March

PARIS — The second stage of the occupation of the Rhenish provinces, which is to be completed to

which is situated opposite Dussel dorf, on the left bank of the Rhine, is now under the control of the Bel-gians, who are organizing their zone of occupation west of the Rhine. Cleves, near the Netherlands fron-tier and the Rhine, is to be formally occupied to-day or to-morrow.

1943: Wedge in Italy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, AL-GIERS—[From our New York edition:] Stabling their way onto heights six miles southwest of Mignano overlooking the flooded Garighano River, United States 5th anny troops have driven a deep wedge into the intricate web of fortifications of the German winter line and now hold dominating positions in a twenty-five-square-mile area comtwenty-five-square-mile area commanding the road to Rome. American troops were slogging their way steadily forward against a strongly night [Dec. 7], is proceeding according to the schedule of the forward mud, flooded creeks, mine fields, march. The town of Oberkassel.



The New American Terror: Killing Fields in the Cities

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — The cities of Amer-ica will not get much safer until the people who live in them get much smarter. First they will have to understand that America is going through a civil crisis of eriminality it has oever before experienced. A few decades ago, gangsters were using guns to kill each other, which was noisy but oo great loss. How innocent those days scem, almost pastoral.

Now gangsters have expanded their vision. Their killing fields are whole neighborhoods, their potential targets everything in those neighborhoods that moves. That is where the drug money is - in neighborhood control, the new American terrorism.

And then, the people of the cities will have to put away their handkerchiefs

So far this year, 342 New Yorkers have been killed by stray bullets. In the past few days, two women were shot in their pregnant bellies. one while she was handing

over all her money --- \$2. when they think about gun criminals.

We are not dealing with misguided children or street "leaders" strutting their mouths on television, talking

of gaog summits.

Joho Ray, a member at large of the
District of Columbia Council, put it as plain as it should be put. "These hoodums aren't looking for a joh." he wrote in The Washiogton Post. "They have a job: they are full-time, swaggering criminals, and they are good at what they do. They sell drugs, run guns, rob and steal. They have oo respect for human life and will kill you with or without provocation."

President Bill Cliotoo told black Americans that criminals let down the values of the civil rights movement. Mr. Ray says that even to make the inkage pollutes the movement. He asks the president to lay off such sentimental connections.

Recognizing gun and drug gangsters for the killers they are does not prevent work to provide jobs and education for young people who yearn for both.

The reverse: Until a clear emotional and political line is drawn between those who commit themselves to endeavor and those who have committed themselves to killing, they will be lumped together by Americans who live outside the war zones. Already that is the ereat triumph of bigots and eriminals the branding of all minority and poor youngsters as dangerous.

And to get the public safety to which they are entitled, city Americans must stop counting primarily on the federal government and turn to their local and state officials. The gun lobby is still strong enough, and national politicians cowardly enough, to block gun legisla-

tion equipped with a set of teeth.

Local officials bave seen entrails oo the sidewalks, and their souls vomit at the thought of more. In New York, Mayor-elect Rudolpb Giuliani's reputation and future are totally coooccted to how much safer be can make New Yorkers feel.

Fair enough. Everybody knows mayors cannot stop crime by themselves. But Mr. Giuliani was elected because many people felt that he would fight his New York heart out trying. He has started well, by promising to

cordon off school streets from criminals, accept oo police tolerance of crime and arrest the street peddlers of drugs, with-out whom the drug trade could not exist; and by picking his own police commis-sioner. I hope he also shows the inside of police stations to drug buyers. No

huyers, oo trade.
Mr. Giuliani says that there is still plenty of prison space. Myself, I like the idea of special courts and sentences without parole for anybody who uses a gun while committing a crime or even thinks of it by carrying one.

Special gunusers' prisons would be useful, even if they have to be a hit more crowded, if oecessary. Drug therapy should be mandatory for all criminals with any record of drug

use, with release time depending on successful completion.

Mr. Giuliani will meet with Mr. Clinton oo Tuesday and suggest legislatioo to put handguns uoder a kind of motor vehiele law: To get one you have to register it and pass a user's test. Nice. I love it. But after the decadeloog struggle over the mild Brady bill, let's oot us city folk hang around waiting, but look to our own officials and laws. and demand more.

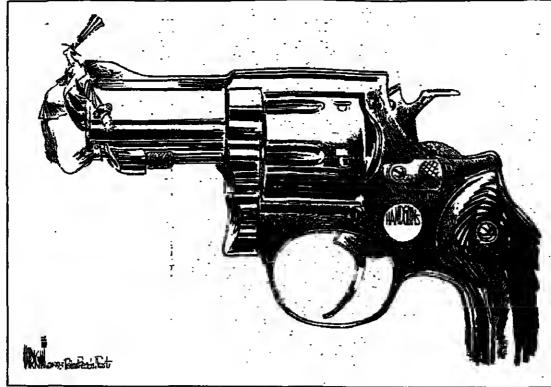
So far this year, 342 New Yorkers have been killed by stray bullets. And in the past few days, two young women were shot io their pregnant bellies — one for a jacket, the other while she was handiog over all the mooey in her

purse, two dollars.

So Mr. Giuliani will find that in New York City there are not many handkerchiefs left for the gun killers.

The New York Times.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The UN and Burma

The editorial "Rangoon Goes Too Far" (Dec. 3) made the disingenuous suggestion that Asian countries like Sin-gapore had soughf to water down this year's UN resolution on Burma-It also accused Western countries like Britain, France and Sweden of quietly bowing to these Asian pressures. This is a blatantly

false picture of the situadon. This annual resolution on Burma was, as usual, drafted and coordinated by Sweden. After several rounds of consultations among many interested countries, consensus was reached on a tough and hard-hitting resolution, which deplored the continued violation of human rights in Burma and urged the govern-ment of that country to take all occes-sary steps to restore democracy. Unfortunately, the United States de-

cided not to be part of this consensus. Instead, it sought to undermine the con-sensus by including provisions that were not acceptable to the rest. It is curious that the editorial parroted official U.S. views.

CHEW TAI SOO. Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations.

A Mugger's Rich Reward

Regarding the summary Nov. 30 of U.S. Supreme Court decisions, and Richard Cohen's comment, "The Court Allows the Thief to Make Out Like a Bandir" (Opinion, Dec. 3):

You report that the justices "left intact a \$4.3 million award won by a subway station magger from the New York City

Transit Authority after he was shot and

paralyzed while trying to escape."

Is the taxpayer being asked to compensate the mugger for lost mugging income? How many people, muggers or otherwise, earn \$4.3 million in their lifetimes? What is the point of awarding

such huge benefits to people who are injured while committing a crime? There are two lessons to be learned: 1) crime pays; and 2) the prolonged study and practice of law may be hazardous to

one's common sense. SANDRA R. WERTH

St.-Nom-la-Bretèche, France. Mr. Coben's comment that "something has got out of whack in America's crimnal justice system" is totally correct. It would be interesting to know what part of the \$4.3 million went for lawyers' fees. That might indicate where the problem with the criminal justice system lies. HUGH BISHOP.

Above All, Be Patient

I detect a strain of unrealistic expectations in many of your letters and editorials on the formation of free-trade blocs. Yet I am heartened by all of these movements. The glass is not half-empty but half-full. The doomsayers ootwithstand-ing, there has been at least halting progress on all fronts.

Each economie movement will build more upoo its past successes than on its past failures. Each will be advanced by the successes of the other blocs more than set back by interim failures of others. Above all we must be patient.

GERALD D. HARDY. Manchester, Connecticut.

Olympic Commercialism Regarding "For Olympic Chief, a Mar-athon Mission" (Sports, Nov. 4):

George Vecsey calls Juan Antonio Samaranch "the most important sports fig-ure in the world." Mr. Samaranch has completed the transformation of the Olympic movement from one of ideal amatairism to one of pure commercial-ism. The Olympie Games are up for sale to the highest bidder, and the people who ultimately foot the bill are the taxpayers in the host countries — as anyone in Norway will tell you.

NORMAN SANDERS. Drammen, Norway,

Merely Suburban

Regarding "For Sale: Kitchen Tips by Duchess of Windsor" (Back Pags. Nov. 25) by Frank J. Prial:

Gif-sur-Yvette, less than 25 kilometers (15 miles) from Notre Dame Cathedral, is definitely not about two hours from Paris, unless the duchess was walking home. The trip takes less than an hour by car or commuter train.

The village is also known for the state research laboratories located there and for having hosted the Henry Kissin-ger-Le Duc Tho talks that helped end the Vietnam War,

PIERRE LASZLO. St. Remy-les-Chevreuse, France.

The Way We Live Now

Regarding "A Great Crisis of the Spir-it" (Nov. 15) by Douglas Jehl: President Bill Clinton has identified the U.S. epidemic of violence as some-thing that "will destroy us." Yet, most Americans seem to be in a state of denial

telephone switching station in the high-lands of Malaysia — left over from the bard days of British colooialism.

It showed a stick figure running away.

with another figure holding a rifle

in firing position.

I never saw its like again until last

weekend, while walking in my neighbor-

MEANWHILE

hood. On the gate of a house on Romany Drive in Pacific Palisades, there was a

large picture of a revolver pointed direct-

ly at anyone approaching the house. There were words this time: "Never Mind

locks onto steering wheels — on his Lexus. This is on a quiet street in a

pretty good neighborhood, a few blocks

the Dog. Beware of Owner!" I will. Three doors away, someone had "The Club" — the anti-car theft device that

over the problem and its impact. The dangerous way Americans live, accepting the fact of violence and then altering their lives in so many ways until life itself seems one huge exercise in staying one step ahead of the bullets, is an aberration. Are Americans "cocooning" and "burrowing" to stay close to their families or simply to stay off the streets? In Europe, we have rediscovered stimulating, human cities, the wonder of safe streets, the joy of children in wide open playgrounds and the excitement of night life. We doo't bother to check the back seat of the car, to time our return before dark or to think twice before venturing out for a film or a concert. Face it: The word "freedom" means little in a country where citizens have no liberty from

fear of being shot dead.
Yes, Italy has its problems, official corruption and overtaxation being some of the worst. Crime is up here, too, with burglaries and purse-snatching commoo enough. But bureaucrats and crooks take only money. In Italy, we

> KATHLEEN MAZZOCCO and five others.

Sex, to Grant or Withhold

Regarding "A Crucial Role in the Cities for Women, the Civilizers" (Opinion, Nov. 30) by William Raspberry:

It worked for Lysistrata, didn't it? SHARI LESLIE SEGALL

Hollywood Dodges Bullets

Of Its Violent Offspring

By Richard Reeves

OS ANGELES — Seven years ago I from where Ronald Reagan lived before he was elected president and where Ar-

hie was elected president and where Arnold Schwarzenegger just bought John
Forsyth's house for \$3 million.

O Los Angeles! This is the town President Bill Clinton had come to the day
before to hold a meeting focused on the
cootinuing recession in California. But
the economy was not the lead story in
the next day's Los Angeles Times. The
two top stories on the front page of the
newspapers that came thudding onto the newspapers that came thudding onto the

driveways of Romany Drive were these: "Clinton Appeals to Hollywood oo Film, TV Violence," and "Clinton May Back National Gun Licensing."

The first reported on the president's speech to producers and stars able to pay up to \$100,000 for dinner with the man. He talked first about how much be loves movies and even the "mindlessness" of television as a way to numb the stress of his job, but then be said he wanted to talk about the "collective responsibility" of those, toeluding himself, who bave the power to influence others

— particularly young poor people.

"It does oo good," he said, "to say.

"Well, it's freedom of speech and we are not responsible for how people react to it.' We have too much evidence to know that the cumulative impact of televisioo and other communication channels over time with regard to violence of all kinds, we know what it does ... For people

living in chaos, it is a disaster."

And people living on Romany Drive think the chaos is headed their way. Some of them were probably in the president's audiences. This may be the first time they have actually had to listen to someone confronting them with the impact of their lucrative work. Mr. Clinton deserves a good deal of credit for doing so.

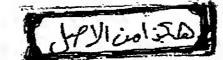
Hollywood floats on hypocrisy, and op notil now movie and television makers have been able to tell one another that their work has no effect oo behavior. They have dooe this at the same time as they have been telling Coca-Cola and Budweiser and everybody else that they should pay to have their products shown in movies — because a flash of a sixpack of Sprite will make people buy more of the stuff. Meanwhile, Hollywood wives and children have kept husy trying to persuade their husbands and daddies to slip environmentally correct

messages into movies to save the planet. Then, at a meeting with editors and executives of the Times, Mr. Clinton said he was ready to go far beyond the Brady hill and its five-day waiting periods to buy guns and even consider federal licensing. He said he thinks that idea "really has some merit."

Yes, it does. Perhaps, if the president keeps up, the people of Romany Drive might be willing to keep guns out of their films — and oot need them to protect themselves against the people who watch those films.

O Universal Press Syndicate:





SINGAPORE - Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia has a sharp tongue, which he frequently uses on political opponents at home. His colorful invective is accepted, although sometimes criticized, in the rough-and-tumble of . Australian politics.

But when Mr. Keating called Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia "a recalcitrant" for boycotting last month's meeting of leaders of the 17 members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, it hit a sensitive nerve of nationalism in Malaysia.

The Malaysian cabinet will meet in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday to decide how the government should respond, after a number of ministers asserted that Mr. Keating had failed to show he was sorry. Some Malaysian officials are

calling for tough economic sanc-tions against Australia and a downgrading of diplomatic relations. 'The cabinet decision could have far-reaching effects on the bilateral relations between the two countries," Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the Malaysian foreign minister,

Analysts said that while Malaysia appeared to be overreacting. Mr. Keating's intemperate comment bad enabled Mr. Mahathir to rally support following party elections in which be was reported to have lost ground to vounger lead-

Clive Kessler, a professor in the Asian studies center at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. aid the incident had also given Mr. Mahathir an opportunity to divert attention from his miscalculation in boycotting the forum meeting, a decision that left Malaysia virtually

isolated in the region. Even Malaysian critics and oppenents of Mr. Mahathir - who has offended some of his Asian neighbors and many Western nations with his own abrasive conduct in the past - have rallied beaind him on this occasion, suggesting that Malaysian national pride is at stake.

Musa Hitam, a former deputy prime minister who resigned some years ago after elashing with Mr. Mahathir, said that Mr. Keating's behavior was "quite symptomatic of how insensitive Australians are" toward Asia as it seeks to develop closer economic, political and security ties with the region. Official relations between Ma-

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laysia and Australia have deteriorated sharply in recent days.

But Australia insisted Tuesday that there was nothing more it could do to settle the dispute fol-lowing a letter sent by Mr. Keating to Mr. Mahathir last week. The text has not been published.

Gareth Evans, Australia's foreign minister, said in Parliament that the Malaysian prime minister had been told that no offense was

"We can't state it any more clearly than that," he added.

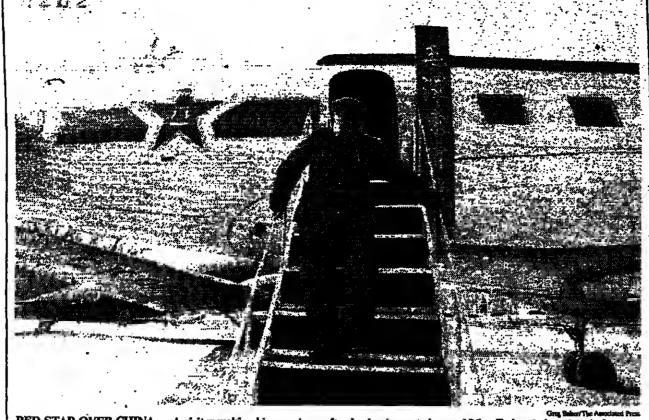
Najib Razak, the Malaysian defense minister, earlier said that it might end all arms deals with Australia unless Mr. Keating "explicitly showed repentance."

Such a ban would preclude Australia from winning a contract to build 27 offshore patrol vessels for

Malaysian officials said that the Australian company bad put in a strong bid for the contract, which would be worth about \$1.6 billion.

Mr. Najib said that the Five Power Defense Arrangements, un-der which the armed forces of Australia, Britain, New Zealand, Ma-

He said that these arrangements



RED STAR OVER CHINA — A visitor making his way down after having inspected one of Mao Zedong's favorite airplanes, a Russian-built Il-14 that was used by the Chinese leader for inspection trips in the 1950s. The plane is one of three of Mao's private flotilla that is now on display at an aviation museum near Beijing to mark the 100th anniversary of Mao's birth on Dec. 26, 1893.

Beijing Raises the Stakes on Hong Kong

HONG KONG - China will start discussions this week on the formation of a Hong Kong legislature in 1997 that would replace any such assembly elected under a disputed British plan for political reform in the colony, a Beijing-appointed adviser said Tuesday.

The disclosure by the adviser, Professor Lau Siu-kai, is seen as China's first concrete countermove in a showdown with Britain over plans

for broadening democracy in Hong Kong. Britain has sought Chinese assurances that legislators elected in 1995 can serve out their four-year terms beyond Hong Kong's transfer to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

laysia and Singapore exercise together regularly, would not be affected by sanctions against Australia.

But Professor Lau said China would give such an assurance only if Britain and China agreed on how the 1995 elections would be conducted. "That doesn't seem very likely at the moment," he said in a telephone interview.

were "in the interest of the whole region" and "cannot be compro-onttee to which he belongs would meet Thursmised simply because we have bi- day through Saturday in Beijing to discuss a

A 17th round of Chinese-British talks collapsed late last month without resolving the dispute. Beijing has so far left unanswered Britain's offer for an 18th round of talks focusing just on Hong Kong's political future.

A separate set of meetings, involving the Joint Liaison Group, opened in London on Tuesday as scheduled. The liaison group, including Chinese and British officials, was set up to ensure a smooth handover in 1997 and encompasses issues from trade and air traffic to military arrangements.

Professor Lau, a sociologist at Hong Kong's Chinese University, said that without agreement. Hong Kong would have no legislature for the first three to aix months of Chinese rule, until new elections are held.

"The Chinese side will concentrate on the building of a new government and gaining public support for the new regime," he said.

Last week, saying that negotiations with Chi-na were fruitless, Chris Patten, the British gov-ernor of Hong Kong, announced he would

unilaterally introduce some of the reform plans

he unveiled 14 months ago.

That move, Professor Lau said, meant China could no longer count on British cooperation in the transfer of power.

He said his committee would begin formal planning for the 1997 elections if Mr. Patten submits his proposals for approval in the legis-lature later this month.

lature later this month.

China's Preparatory Work Committee, comprising 57 Chinese and Hong Kong public figures, was formed to prepare for 1997. It is led by Foreign Minister Qian Qichen.

Hong Kong media said President Jiang Zemin would address the group when it meets in Beijing's Great Hall of the People.

Mr. Patten plans to submit a partial bill on Dec. 15 that would lower the voting age to 18, abolish appointed local council seats and simplify the voting system in 1994 and 1995 elec-

plify the voting system in 1994 and 1995 elec-tions, the last before the Chinese takeover. China has guaranteed to maintain Hong Kong's autonomy for 50 years after 1997, but says Mr. Patten's plans violate accords on the colony.

(AP. Reuters)

Pro-Animal Campaign Sets Sights on France And Its Foie Gras Trade

By Barry James

PARIS - An American animalrights group took its campaign to the streets of Paris on Tuesday to protest what it says is cruelty in

For French farmers, this was one more piece of bad news. First GATT, and now an American-led attack on the foie gras trade, which the Washington-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has announced as its next priority.

PETA encourages its members to be vegetarians and said it would also oppose battery hen production and other intensive farming techniques in France, as well as waging. war on animal experimentation by perfume companies.

The action on Tuesday at the headquarters of French Vogue magazine came after a similar action against the publication's New York headquarters two months

At issue is the magazine's refusal to accept ads by PETA, while ac-

cepting them from furriers.
"Our money is good," said Dan
Matthews, PETA's international
campaign director. "We think we have a right to an equal hearing." In New York, PETA plastered

Vogue's chic offices with stickers and yelled slogans for 45 minutes before the police arrived. The Paris police were clearly better informed than their New York colleagues. They had the Vogue offices cor-doned off even before the demonstrators arrived. It was also raining, which damped the spirit of the oc-

Nevertheless, seven young wom--dressed in tatty furs soaked in red paint, and chanting "Help!" — tried valiantly but unsuccessfully to get over, under and between the 19 policemen guarding the build-

Finally, they gave up and went to lie down in the road in front of the National Assembly. The police gave them a few minutes, then hauled them into a van and drove off. The women, two Americans, a Briton and five French, were taken to a nearby police station for ques-

as he surveyed PETA's first street

theater action in France. Mr. Matthews said PETA had 400,000 members in the United States, and was planning to extend throughout Europe where, he said. the need is great. He said PETA was the largest animal-rights group in the world and also acted as an umbrella for organizations like France's National Society for the Defense of Animals.

PETA has also set up offices in London, Hamburg and Amsterdam, where activists plan to march naked through the city's Christmas market on Thursday wearing Santa hats and carrying a sign reading.
"We would rather go naked than wear fur."

The animal-rights movement clearly faces an uphill struggle in weaning the French away from one of their favorite delicacies, foie gras, which is made by force-feeding geese until their livers swell.

"But we have to start somewhere," said Sandra Gabriellini, an American married to a Frenchman, who was handing out leaflets showing a furry animal caught in a hunt-

Arafat Begins Talks in Bonn

Agence France-Presse

BONN - The Palestine Liberation Organization leader, Yasser Arafat, arrived Tuesday amid tight security for his first official visit to Germany at a critical time for the Middle East peace process.

Dources said security was on a level accorded heads of state or government. Mr. Arafat was not received with military honors or greeted by Chancellor Helmut Kohl on arrival, but he was staying at the Petersberg residence near Bonn reserved for important state

He was beginning his talks with Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and then meeting with Arab ambassationing.

"Excellent," said Mr. Matthews playing host at a reception. dors before seeing Mr. Kohl and

King Charles? Church May Say No

LONDON - Speculation increased in Britain on Tuesday about whether Prince Charles will become king after revelations of high-level church opposition to his accession if allegations of marital

infidelity prove true. In an unusually blont public statement, a senior Church of England figure publicly cast doubt on the prince's fitness to be crowned king if he had, in

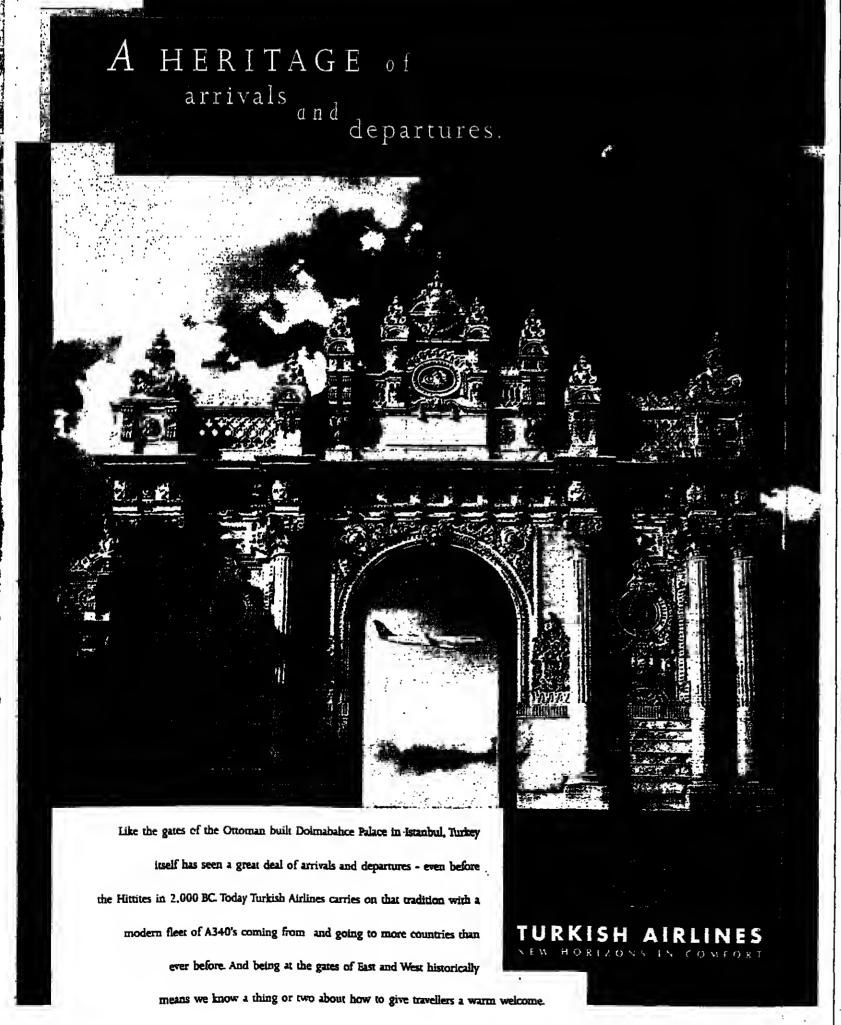
fact, broken his marriage vows. The archdeacon of York, the Venerable George Austin, said in a BBC interview that if press reports of the prince a relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles, his old girlfriend, were true, "How can be then go into Westminster Abbey, and take

the coronation vows?" His comments drew the Church of England deeper into the debate surrounding Prince Charles and his stormy 12-year marriage to Diana. Princess The Sun newspaper said the church's spiritual leader, the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, was pressing for the heir apparent to renounce the throne in favor of his son, Prince But its report was swiftly denied by Archbishop

Carey's office. Archdeacon Austin later added fuel to the fire, however, by saying that although he doubted the archbishop was thinking along those lines "at this stage," he might well do so as the question of the succession comes closer. As king, Prince Charles, 45, would become head

of the Church of England and defender of the Anglican faith, which preaches that marriage vows are sacred.

Speculation on the royal couple's future has increased since Princess Diana announced last week that she was retreating from public life from

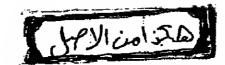




RICHARD BRADON, FOUNDER AND CITIEF EXECUTIVE, VINGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS

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M France Syria Edging Back e Gras Tru To the Peace Table

Assad Ready to End Boycott; **January Resumption Is Seen**

By John M. Goshko

Washington Past Service
JERUSALEM — Syria is ready to end its boycott of the peace talks with Israel in Washington, and Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher expects to announce a Jannary resumption of the negotiations after he confers with President Hafez Assad in Damasens on Thursday, U.S. and Israeli sources said.

It is not clear whether simply resuming talks will lead to any breakthroughs in the Syrian-Israeli talks, which have been stalemated since the U.S.-sponsored peace process began in late 1991.

But it would represent at least limited success for the U.S. strategy of coaxing Syria back to the negotiating table through a series of ges-tures that hold out the promise of better relations between the United States and a country that long has been among the most anti-Western and anti-Israeli Arab states.

The outlines of the U.S. approach began to emerge last week with suggestions that greater Syrian flexibility toward the peace talks eventually could lead to such marks of increased respectability in the West as a meeting between Mr. Assad and President Bill Clinton and to Syria's removal from a U.S. list of countries that aid international terrorism.

U.S. sources said that the first step in that direction likely would come in the next few days with American permission for Kuwait to resell three U.S.-made Boeing 727 commercial airliners to Syria. As a country on the terrorism list, Syria normally would be barred from acquiring U.S. equipment that might have military applications.

The sources said that the administration was willing to grant an exception for the 727s because their potential for military use was insignificant. The officials stressed however, that Syria was not being removed from the terrorism list and that all other pertinent U.S. sanotions would continue to apply.

Mr. Assad, while giving no hint that Syria might moderate the demands it was making from Israel, has responded with some unexpected and significant conciliatory gestures. When Mr. Christopher was in Damascus on Sunday, the Syrians told him that they would allow those Jews still in Syria to obtain exit permits by the end of this month. They also offered to assist a U.S. congressional investigating team that is seeking to determine the fate of seven Israeli soldiers missing in Lehanon since the

Mr. Christopher declined to comment Tresday on the state of play with Syria, and the sources said that some small problems still must be resolved when the secretary goes to Damascus.

close to acknowledging that both sides were on the verge of reviving the Syrian-Israeli talks

"The only question is what will be the timetable when these negoti-ations will be resumed," the Israeli leader said. And the secretary mentioned that there is something that can be reached in terms of the timing, and he will announce it toward the end of his visit in the

The talks have been in recess since September, when Mr. Assad, angered by Israel's separate agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization, declared that Syria would not negotiate further unless Israel declared its willingness to withdraw from the Golan Heights,

captured from Syria in 1967. Mr. Rabin, for his part, indicated that he would prefer a pause in the Syria talks while his govern-ment concentrated on implementing its agreement with the PLO to withdraw Israeli troops from the accept a loan of nearly \$800 million supposed to begin Monday, although violent opposition from extremists on both sides has caused numerous deaths since Secretary and the International Monetary Fund for balance-of-payment relief from drought-related debt.

The government and the ANC-led liberation forces also as a least since Secretary forces are a least since Secretary forces and a least since Secretary forces also as a least since Secretary forces also as a least since Secretary forces also as a least since Secretary forces are a least since Secretary forces and a least since Secretary forces are a least since Secretary forces and a least since Secretary forces are a least since Secretary forces and a least since Secretary forces are a least since Secretary forces and a least since Secretary forces are a least since Secretary forces and a least since Secretar

The United States is anxious to

again.
The secretary of state said that it was "entirely appropriate" that
Mr. Rabin "give priority to moving Pretoria was a "symbolic act of forward" on the Gaza and Jericho

"But the United States is committed to a comprehensive solution mando, the group that took over in this region," he added. "We're the fort-museum early Tuesday. committed to the idea of all tracks Defense forces surrounded the moving, perhaps not at the same pace, but nevertheless moving toward the same resolution of peace

The somes said Mr. Crissopher had won Mr. Rabin's agreement to go along with the U.S. desire for a new push on the Syrian track. But they were unable to say whether Mr. Rabin would move from his stated position that Israel would agree to a partial withdrawal from the Golan, but only after Syria announces its willingness to make full peace with Israel.

In Nobel Lecture, Morrison Denounces Oppressive Language

By Eugene Robinson

R'askington Poss Service STOCKHOLM — Toni Morrison, the first black American to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature, spoke Tuesday of the ability of language to oppress and empower as she delivered her Nobel lecture to a packed house in the Grand Hall of the Swedish Academy.

"Oppressive language does more than represent violence, it is violence; does more than represent the limits of knowledge, it limits knowledge." Ms. Morrison said. "Whether it is the malign language of lawwithout-ethics, or language designed for the estrangement of minorities, hiding its racist plunder in its literary cheek, it must be rejected, altered and exposed.

She equated language with existence itself. "We die," she said. "That may be the meaning of our lives. But we do language. That may be the measure of our lives."

The lecture was one of the highlights of a week of events for the 62-year-old novelist and Princeton University professor. On Friday, she and this year's other Nobel winners will receive their prizes and then be honored at a dinner at Stockholm's city hall.

Ms. Morrison was given a standing ovation before not only one no longer in use, but also one unrecepshe began her lecture on Tuesday evening and another when she linished. In between, she spoke metaphorically, and at times more directly, about the power she finds in the written and spoken word.

"Fiction has never been entertainment for me."

she said. "It is the work I have done for most of my

The choice of Ms. Morrison for the Nobel generalwon warm praise, but a few writers groused that it had less to do with merit than "political correct-

On Tuesday, Ms. Morrison offered what could be read as a spirited defense of the view that words are weapons, often used by the strong against the weak

The lecture took the form of a meditation on a folk tale: An old, blind woman lives on the outskirts of town. Some children decide to play a trick on her.

One of them says he has a bird in his hand, and asks her to tell him if it is living or dead. The woman is silent for a long time, then finally says: "I don't know whether the hird you are holding is dead or alive, but what I do know is that it is in your hands. It is in your hands."

ter speaking different languages and end up telling a The bird, Ms. Morrison said, can be read as a metaphor for language itself. And a dead language is

tive to new speakers, new ways of speaking and new

ideas — "statist language, censored and censoring," Words can be used to "sanction ignorance and preserve privilege." she said, to provide "shelter for despots," to create "menace and subjugation." There is "diplomatic language to countenance rape, tor-

ture, assassination," and "seductive, mutant language designed to throttle women, to pack their throats like pate-producing geese with their own unsayable, transgressive words." "Underneath the eloquence, the glamour, the

scholarly associations, however stirring or seductive.

the heart of such language is languishing, or perhaps not beating at all, if the bird is already dead." But despite its power, she said, language is not a substitute for experience, but rather "arcs toward the

place where meaning might lie." At the end of Ms. Morrison's folk tale, the children who have come to taunt the blind woman react to her gnomic answer by telling a story of their own.

narrative together. The author of six novels, Ms. Morrison is best

The point is that they have approached the encoun-

known for two books. "Song of Solomon" and "Beloved." In awarding the prize, the Swedish Academy praised her work as being "characterized by visionary force and poetic impact," adding that it gives life to an essential aspect of American reali-

The prize, first given in 1901, is worth \$825,000 this year. Ms. Morrison is the eighth woman to win. Black American writers like James Baldwin, Riehard

Wright and Ralph Ellison were never honored, The daughter of sharecroppers, Ms. Morrison was born Chloe Anthony Wofford. She attended Howard University and Cornell University, where she received a M.A. in American literature. She married, had two sons and divorced, and began writing fiction when she was working as a book editor in New York

When "Beloved" failed to win a National Book Award, four dozen black writers wrote a statement of protest. The book was later awarded a Pulitzer

Ms. Morrison's work has drawn some criticism for what some call excessively negative portrayals of black men. But on Tuesday there was no controversy. Ms. Morrison paused and smiled broadly as she surveyed her rapt audience. The fairy tale was hers.

SHIFT:

White Rule Ends

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for all those who committed politiget the Syrian-Israeli track moving cal crimes during the apartheid era. The parliament elected next year will determine the cutoff date.

resistance" against the inaugura-tion of the council, according to leaders of the Pretoria Boer Comstructure and cut off water and electricity, and negotiations to end the standoff continued.

The transitional council will have subcouncils to deal with defense, intelligence, law and order. women's issues, finance, foreign affairs, local government and traditional leaders. It is supposed to establish a mul-

tiparty peacekeeping force to guard against intimidation during the election campaign, but there are doubts whether such a force will get off the ground in time for the vote.



A rightist taking aim Tuesday in a Boer War museum site near Pretoria. He is one of 30 occupying the fort to protest the new council.

BLACKS: Will South Africa Be Able to Salvage Its Embittered Youths?

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witnesses testify. The consensus among these young people is that Amy Biehl was at fault for coming where she was not wanted, and that the white courts have no right to judge the accused. The death is now part of the

community lore. Residents call the

asked, they will point out the spot where she was killed.

"It's the whole country, it's not only the few children," said Wowo Nofemela, 47, whose 22-year-old son, Mzikhona, is one of those on "The environment is not

slain woman Amy. Without being has rapidly deteriorated under the

squatter shacks, muddy warrens of smoke-stained sheds. To Mr. Nofomela, a groundskeeper, the miracle is that Mzik-

tiny homes have been swamped by

hona is the first of his six children to get in trouble. They grew up without playgrounds, often without shoes. Four are now adults, and

For all his suffering, though, Mr. Nofomela defers to whites; his children do not

"Our parents, they are cowards for the Boer," said Linda Mayekiso, 21, the girlfriend of Mzikhona Nofomela and, like the arrested man, an ardent Pan-Africanist. "The youth are not scared, and they have power."

Besides, she said, the adults had jobs to lose, however poor. The young have nothing to lose, even prospects.

The militant leaders who provide one side and American prosecutors the political vocabulary for the anenemy as "settlers," or "oppres-sors." But they concede that such distinctions are often lost on the

As the apartheid barriers erode,

migration of rural poor seeking familiarity seems to breed only work. The original dreary blocks of more resentment. Vusumzi Noge, an 11th grader who transferred this year to a newly integrated school in the prosperous white suburb of Mowbray, said he was heartbroken and wrathful to see the libraries and laboratories unimaginable in Guguletu. To the snubs of white students, he responded with steely defiance.

"I don't care," he said. "Because it's not their land, it's our land. It's all our land."

Among the angry young, the scheduling of the first free elections has not diminished the bluemess. Some expect a quick and chilling disillusionment.

"It's going to get worse, because each and everybody, they have got visions," said Martha Holobo, 23. who runs a fruit stall at the edge of one of the squatter camps. "People think freedom means they will all move to the rich houses in Mowbray, and the whites in Mowbray

Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, has sought to dampen dreams of sudden economic equality. The Pan-Africanists encourage such hopes

cial added. "This is a serious matter. There is not a lot of time."

resentatives have been conducting negotiations, an American diplomat said Tuesday that there would be another meeting on the issue in New York in the near future.

sites at Yongbyon.
But at the other two sites, which

the agency and the United States consider to be the most important, the inspectors could only change batteries and film in monitoring

Don't Free Spy, Clinton Advisers Urge ficials said it appeared unlikely that an outpouring of protest to reports sentence, but only on the condition By David Johnston

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's advisers are recommending that he reject an appeal for clemency by Jonathan Jay Pollard, an American Jew who was convicted of spying for Israel in 1987 and sentenced to life in prison, according to American offi-

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Ra-bin, in remarks to reporters, came tion within the administration, of-

Mr. Clinton would shorten Mr. Pollard's sentence despite an intense lobbying campaign by American supporters and a personal plea to Mr. Clinton last month by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel.

But these officials were cautious about predicting Mr. Clinton's action in exercising what is solely a presidential power to grant clemen-cy. They emphasized that he had Under one proposal, Mr. Clin-

Mr. Pollard was employed as a

intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy and was paid thousands of dollars for spying on the United States. Some supporters of Mr. Pollard said the administration had

yet to make up his mind and that ton could commute Mr. Pollard's

of rejecting elemency could alter that he serve the nearly two years remaining before he is eligible for parole. Another proposal would have Mr. Clinton merely hint that he might act favorably sometime in The emotional case has trapped

Mr. Clinton between seemingly irquietly floated alternative choices reconcilable forces; Israel and Jewish groups on

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and intelligence officials on the other.

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RICE: Japan Will Open Its Market

Continued from Page 1 cal reform bill by the end of the year, and fired his defense minister for speaking openly about amending the constitution.
This has not been our finest few

days," one of his political opera-tives said. But industrialists, who have long called for dismantling the rice lobby, were clearly ecstatic. Given the obvious political sensitivities, Mr. Hosokawa's government has carefully stage-managed the rice debate for months. It waited until the last possible moment to agree to the opening of the market so that it would appear that Japan was cornered by its trading part-

Government leaders publicly insisted they would never open the market, while preparing the groundwork by hinting that openng of the market was mevitable.

The draft accord that was "sent" Thousands of Jews joined the funeral procession for Mordechai Lapid, 56, and his oldest son, Shalom, 19, slain Monday in the West who were arguing over the last Bank town of Hebron by unidentified Palestinian gummen. The funeral touched off a protest against the accord for Palestinian self-rule. to Japan by negotiators in Geneva.

on Tariffs and Trade, was actually worked out by Japan and the United States several weeks ago.

Thus it was no surprise when the foreign minister, Tsutomu Hata, made it clear that Japan would not press for further changes in a draft agreement that postpones placing tariffs on imported rice for six years, but requires Japan to import at least 4 to 8 percent of the rice it consumes each year, or 3.6 million tons of foreign rice during that pe-

"This proposal is virtually the final one," Mr. Hata said, not mentioning that the deal already had been worked out. To ease the way. the finance minister, Hirohisa Fujii, hinted that the government would compensate farmers who are hurt by the new trade rules.

Though the rice opening has been a contentious issue between Japan and the United States for years, soaking up thousands of hours of negotiations, the American agricultural industry is unlikely to benefit greatly. A relatively small segment of American rice farmers, mostly in

California and Arkansas, grow the short-grain rice eaten here. The bulk of the imports will likely come from Thailand and China. Mr. Hosokawa was not the only

one attempting to weather a political storm generated by last-minute concessions for a new trade agreement, called the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

In South Korea, which also has a highly protected rice market, farmers and politicians took to the streets when it became clear that President Kim Young Sam had se-crelly agreed to a deal almost identical to Japan's. More than 30,000 protesters gathered in front of the main railroad station in Scoul, and there were violent clashes as thousands surged toward the U.S. Embassy carrying signs condemning the United States for bringing ruin to the country's 5.7 million farm-

Indeed, among millions of South Koreans, the emotional rice issue has completely overshadowed any discussion or gratitude for American efforts to force North Korea, the South's enemy for four decades, to give up its nuclear weapons pro-

2 Goals for Koreans

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WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton discussed North Korea's latest proposal on nuclear inspections Tuesday with President Kim Young Sam of South Korea in preparation for a new meeting beween American and North Korean

dinlomais. The two leaders "agreed on the objectives." according to the White House press secretary. Dee Dee

She said there were two immediate goals:

· North Korea must agree to inspections of its nuclear power sites by the International Atomic Energy Agency, a United Nations orga-• The North must also agree to

resume talks with South Korea on making the Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons. Mr. Clinton said Monday that he was "not entirely satisfied" with

the North's offer to allow only limited inspections of the nuclear installations. "We want to see if we can achieve our objectives through negotiations," a senior American offi-

At the United Nations, where American and North Korean rep-

At atomic energy agency headquarters in Vienna, a spokesman. David Kyd, said North Korea was offering to permit unrestricted inspection of five of the seven nuclear

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SPACE: Telescope Receives an Exotic New Set of Eyes doors in the telescope's outer hull.

Continued from Page 1 Thornton and Tom Akers planned to step out of the airlock for the

final optical fix before 11 P.M. EST Tuesday (0400 GMT Wednesday). By then, the telescope was to have been rotated 90 degrees on its turntable to expose the day's work site on its silvery flank. Over the next few hours, they were scheduled to remove the telescope's least-used instrument, a High Speed Photometer, to make room for Costar — the Corrective Optics Space Telescope Axial Replace-

ment In a procedure similar to the one used to install the new camera the previous morning, they were to slide the massive box onto guide rails and - like a huge vertical dresser drawer - into the cavity left by the photometer. They were to connect an electrical grounding strap, make electrical attachments and close and latch the protective

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Early Tuesday morning, Jeffrey A. Hoffman and Story Musgrave had made the whole operation look easy, smoothly sliding a replacement camera into its tight cavity in

the telescope. The flight director, Milt Heflin, credited not only the crew but also the design of the telescope, with its replaceable modular components, handrails and bolts designed to mate with power tools. In addition to moving the mas-

sive camera with fingertip precision, the pair spent a lot of time using the power rachet tool, counting the required number of turns out loud on every bolt. "Five turns to the hard stop. O.K., I can feel we're engaged. Started to slip at about 514 turns." Mr. Hoffman said in a typical exchange. Then, to copilot Kenneth Bowersox, operating the robot arm with Mr. Hoffman on it, "Up a foot Stop!"

The pair expressed amazement

when they got their first look into

"It's really beautiful in here,

said Mr. Musgrave. "Looks like a brand new telescope in here."

the cavity left by the old camera

Engineers had expressed fears earlier that after the wear and tear of more than three years in orbit, there might be loose or bent material, or other obstructions, that would complicate or even prevent the installation of the new instru-

The new camera, first proposed in 1984, was intended to upgrade the telescope with state-of-the-art equipment just as observatories on the ground do. When the Hubble flaw was discovered after its 1990 lannch, the corrective optics were incorporated as well, bringing the camera's total cost to \$101 million.

The Hubble chief scientist, Ed Weiler, called the camera installation "a giant leap" for astronomers around the world. "I think we all had wet palms watching the astronauts work."

Following the work on the camera, Mr. Musgrave and Mr. Hoffman scaled the height of the Hubble, riding as high as the robot arm could carry them, to install new magnetometers. These devices enable the telescope to orient itself based on Earth's magnetic field.

French Assembly Votes To Lift Tapie's Immunity

PARIS - The French National Assembly voted Tnesday to lift the immunity from prosecution of Bernard Tapie, a businessman turned politician, former minister and soccer team owner. Mr. Tapie is under investigation by a magistrate for alleged

A former manager of the company has accused Mr. Tapie chairman of the European soccer champions, Olympique Marseille, of borrowing money in Testut's name to buy soccer stars.

The assembly voted, 432 to 72, to lift the immunity of Mr. Tapie, a

judge to lift Mr. Tapie's immunity over an attempt by Marseille officials to bribe soccer opponents to lose a key league match in May.

said. "And this will allow others to throw bigger, heavier stones,

He did not carry out an earlier threat to expose corruption in

perhaps at me, but perhaps they will also hit some of you."

politics when he defended himself in the lower house where he serves as a deouty from the Bouches-du-Rhône district of Marseille. Mr. Mitterrand appointed Mr. Tapie minister of urban affairs in April last year. The self-made millionaire was forced to resign seven weeks later after being indicted for fraud over a business dispute.

financial irregularities at the Testut weighing machine firm that belongs to his holding company, Bernard Tapie Finance.

favorite of President François Mitterrand's. The assembly will soon hear a separate application by another Mr. Tapie has denied wrongdoing. "This assembly is asked to cast the first stone at me," Mr. Tapie

dropped and served until the Socialist-led government was routed in March.

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Don Ameche, a Leading Man In Movie Musicals, Dies at 85

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona -Don Ameche. 85, the versatile movie actor whose career spanned nearly six decades, died Monday of

prostate cancer. Mr. Ameche worked to the end. and in the first week of last month finished his part in "Corrina. Corrina," a movie with Whoopi Goldberg and Ray Liotta, Mr. Ameche plays a man whose son, Liotta, develops a relationship with a black

housekeeper in the late 1950s. "All the way up until the day be died, he'd wake up in the middle of the night and say to me. What time ido I have to go to work? What time are they picking me up? " said his son. Don Jr., with whom be lived. The just loved it." Mr. Ameche's character dies in the movie.

Already a radio star. Mr. Ameche made a smooth transition to movies, beginning with "Sins of Man" in 1936. During 12 years at 20th Century Fox, he appeared in musicals, comedies and dramas.

When his film career faded in 1948, Mr. Amecbe husied himself on Broadway in "Silk Stockings" and "Can Can" and later in touring musicals and dinner theater. His

He won the Oscar as best supporting actor.
Mr. Ameche's chullience on

screen contrasted with his personal modesty. When be received an Academy Award at 79 in 1986, be remarked, alluding to the Oscar: "For all you members of the academy, this esteemed gentleman says that you have given me your recognition. You've given to me your love. I hope that I bave earned your

respect." He was born Dominic Felix Amici in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to an Italian immigrant father and an Irish-German mother. His name was shortened to Don, and the spelling of his last name changed.

Mr. Ameche was a star athlete and drama club member at Colum- ry of Alexander Graham Bell." bia College in Dubuque, Iowa. He sion for acting grew. His future was played a penniless American girl in

second tilm career began in 1983 set when he replaced the leading with "Trading Places." starring Eddie Murphy and Dan Aykroyd.

Two years later, be appeared in the fantasy "Cocoon," in which he played one of a group of Florida retirees who discover a fountain of youth created by extraterrestrials.

He rule the Cycle as her language.

Set when he replaced the leading man in a local stock company. Chicago radio was strong in the early 1930s, and he found steady work in such series as "Benty and Bo," "Grand Hotel," and as "Mr. First Nighter" on "The Little Theater of Times Square."

He failed a screen test at MGM

He failed a screen test at MGM in 1935. "I saw it and hated it." be said.

"But then I found later that I hated everything I did." But an agent showed the test to Darryl Zanuck, chief of 20th Century Fox, and he made Mr. Ameche the busiest actor on the lot.

He proved the ideal reauring for Loretta Young ("Ramona," "Love Under Fire"). Betty Grable ("Down Argentine Way." "Moon Over Miami") and especially Alice Faye 1"In Old Chicago," "Alexan-der's Ragtime Bann." "Hollywood Cavalcade"I. Mr. Zanuck cast him as Stephen

Foster in "Swanee River" and as the telephone inventor in "The Sto-Mr. Ameche also starred oppowanted to be a lawyer, but at the site Claudette Colbert in the classic University of Wisconsin his pas- comedy "Midnight" in 1939. She



Don Ameche made a comeback in the movies in the 1980s.

Paris who is befriended by Mr. Ameche, a taxi driver.

He helieved that his Hollywood slide began when he refused a three year extension on his Fox contract, but he remained active in television and theater until "Trading Places" returned him movies. His other, later films include "Coming to America," "Harry and the Hendersons," and "Oscar."

HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY: Ivory Coast President Since 1960 Dies

Continued from Page 1 lyory Coast, he was elected a deputy to the French National Assem-

He gained a reputation by securing abolition of the single most unpopular feature of colonial rule. a labor law that allowed French a labor law that allowed French
planters to conscript workers from
any village. Mr. HouphouëtBoigny allied his party with a new
regional movement called the Afri1956. Guy Mollet named him a Boigny allied his party with a new regional movement called the Afri-can Democratic Rally. The rally, of which he was president, generally voted with the Communists in the French Assembly, but after they ing within the French community went into opposition in the late in 1958, and Mr. Houphouët-1940s, he broke off with them. Boigny became prime minister in

940s, he broke off with them. Boigny became prime minister in By this time, however, he had 1959 and president of an indepenbecome feared by the French as a dent Ivory Coast in 1960. As in

in 1950, after an outbreak of anti-colonial violence in his territory, be brella of a single party. He often was ordered arrested. He managed to slip away minutes before the police arrived at his home and was never imprisoned.

But once independence for Ivory minister-delegate, the first African in a French cabinet. Ivory Coast became self-govern-

Banda Resumes Malawi Leadership BLANTYRE, Malawi [Reuters] — Malawi state radio said Tuesday that President Hastings Kamuzu Banda had resumed his duties and that the three-man council that ruled while he recovered from brain surgery had been dissolved.

A statement on the radio said that Mr. Banda, who is believed to be in blood has been spilled in his country since I've been president." was The Presidential Council was appointed in mid-October to govern conclusively disproved in the late while Mr. Banda recovered in Johannesburg from an operation to remove 1980s. Civil unrest increased after a his mid-90s, had a clean our or assume the Presidential Council was appointed in anu-council while Mr. Banda recovered in Johannesburg from an operation to remove water on the brain. But it ran into opposition from the National consultative Council, a multiparty body set up to prepare for the first economic fortunes.

Mr. Honphouët-Boigny was also widely criticized at home and abroad for his decision to build a the North Korean leader.

dangerous African nationalist, and in 1950, after an outbreak of antigave opponents patronage jobs in-stead of jail sentences. Several half-hearted coup attempts in the early

1960s were easily suppressed.
In international relations, Mr. Houphouet-Boigny often went against the grain in Africa. In the late 1960s he supported the unsuccessful Biafran war of secession from Nigeria. He also occasionally sought a dialogue with South Afri-ca. In 1973, however, he joined other African nations in breaking off relations with Israel, ties not restored until 1985.

In 1983, he realized a dream when Yamoussouko, his birthplace and the seat of the traditional chieftaincy of the Baule ethnic group, was designated the country's new capital by the ruling party as "an expression of gratitude from the country to the father of a nation."

But soon afterward, his popularity began to wane. His oft-repeated assertion that "not a single drop of



Félix Houphouët-Boigny, leader of Ivory Coast since 1960.

\$200 million Roman Catholic basilica, Our Lady of Peace of Yamoussoukro, by some measures the world's largest Christian church. He said it was built with his own

At the time of his death, he was the third-longest-serving leader in the world, after Presidents Fidel Castro of Cuba and Kim Il Sucg.

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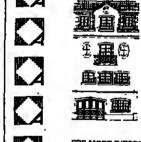






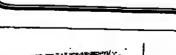


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Boston Symphony and Berlioz: Happy Match

critics and philistines. The work ends in the haunting choral fantasia on Shakespeare's mainly disappeared in the general brounds a

mainly disappeared in the general brouhaha of the brigands' chorus. The Radio France

ARIS has become used to an almost

annual Lully fix in the six years since William Christie and Jean-

Marie Villègier showed with "Atys"

that the composer's lyric tragedies could be

made meaningful to contemporary audi-

They are not automatic hits, however, as is

demonstrated by the third production in the Théatre des Champs-Elysées Lully series.

"Roland" is the last but one in the successful

collaboration of Lully and Quinault, but it has its problems. One is the didactic confron-

tation of the concepts of love and glory.

Another is a title character - the opera is

one of the many based on Ariosto's "Orlan-

do Furioso" - who does not show up until

Act 2 and then goes into one long losing streak in the love department before picking up his sword and going back to the wars.

chorus was a source of musical strength.

José Van Dam, in the title role of Lully's "Roland" at the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées.

T THE AGE of 14, Frank Zappa was living in a "little stinky cowboy town" called El

Several months later he bought Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring." Those were "the only two albums I owned, everything else was R&B singles by people like the Orchids. My friends would come to my house and I'd

He taught himself the guitar (and later composition) and formed his first band, the Black-Outs, while in work because he had been in prison). When I interhigh school in Lancaster, Califor-

tenure" with a band called Joe Per-ino & The Mellotones, be quit music to become a part-time college

Buff, owner of a small recording studio in Cuca-monga, into making a jazz record. "I can't remember if I ever charged Frank any money, or if he even had any," Buff told Billboard magazine, "but we kind of worked together and recorded some jazz things. He went up to Hollywood regularly and tried to sell 'em. And nobody was interested, hasically."

rahle sound hites: "Jazz isn't dead, it just smells funny." Somewhat like John Cage, what Frank Zappa said was often more interesting than the music he made. Basically he kept writing the same tune for 30 years; or three tunes if you divide his career into rock, classical composition, and Digital Synclavier periods. Not everybody will agree with that, of course, but one nice thing about Zappa was that the last thing he

sels Ripped My Flesh" and "Burnt Weenie Sandwich" and wrote a song called "Don't You Ever Wash That Thing?" was "not really a strange fellow," says Glenn Ferris, who played trombone with him for a year, "He was no freak. He was a sharp analyzer of society and he knew how to incorporate his insights into his work. He could have been a good hanker or real estate operator. But he had this incredible musical talent, he created a unique and profound synthesis of American and European influences with what I call his Zappa-

Pierre Boulez conducted the prestigious Ensemble Intercontemporain performing several of his elassical compositions, "Naval Aviation in Art?" for one. "I stumbled on an old Life magazine that had paintings done by guys on warships, planes going down and stuff like that," he explained. "It was headed Naval

In 1989. The Financial News Network invited Zappa-Dada to talk about how to develop trade with the Soviet Union on cable TV. He suggested exchanges of information through satellite hookups. Perhaps they remembered that he had said: "If the Nazis had had television with satellite technology,

economies with president Vaelav Havel shortly after say. Hey, listen to this, and they'd say. Take that off. the Velvet Revolution, (Havel told him he knew "Bongo Fury," his alhum with Captain Beefheart, but apologized for not being familiar with more recent

sive interviewing Frank, who claimed he was treated hadly by journalists because they were jealstudent and greeting card artist and then talked Paul out that he made more money than they did and could even call his own shots. He reserved all his rights and

It was hard to tell image from reality when he recorded "Valley Girl" about vacuous teenagers in

and he made our lives more fun.

the public. Berlioz's spoken text is many ration, neatly dovetailing with Seiji Ozawa's José Van Dam sang strongly and acted things — romantic art manifesto, thinly. animated musical leadership, and backed up disguised autohiography, admiration of by an atmospheric semi-staging. Vinson Cole Shakespeare and Beethoven, attacks on sang the tenor solos with poise and elegance, coll and Gilles Ragon sang admirably in parts. Louis Langrée conducts with the req-Rock and Rap: J. Spreads His Word

The symphony is the transformation into art of his obsession with the actress Harriet Smithson. "Lélio" is the anecdotal declara-

tion of his recovery and return to the world of music. The first performance of the two

works together, in 1832, was apparently a

sensational artistic happening and crucial to Berlioz — launching him as a recognized composer and fatefully unting him within a

year with Miss Smithson in a not very happy

Works that sought to unite spoken texts

with music were fairly common then, and the Paris audience of the time would have got all

the references in the text. But today it seems

to be just a period piece, interesting only

because it is by Berlioz.

lyrique, a quasi-theatrical mixed bag of spo-ken text and music, divided into six dyamat-ically varied numbers using music retrieved from earlier works of his own unknown to

By Laura Colby

By David Stevens

it was still a bold and imaginative stroke to

come to Paris on its current Enpopean tour

with an all-Berlioz program in large part

It was the entire "Episode in an Artist's

Life," consisting of the Symphonie Fantasti-que, which is familiar enough, followed by the strange work Berlioz meant to be the

sequel and pendant to the symphony, "Le-lio" or "The Return to Life," for narrator, tenor, baritone, chorus and orchestra, which

He called it a melologue or monodrume

is almost never performed, ...

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generally considered the most French of American orchestras and its Berlioz credentials are solid, but

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ARIS — A few years ago, Jens Müller wasn't very different from other East German teenagers. He worked as an apprentice in a stateowned computer-chip factory, de-scribed himself as apolitical, and played drams in a rock band in. East Berlin. One thing chafed on him: The idea of not being allowed

came down that Müller had his

political awakening. Today, at 23, his name shortened to J., be is building an international reputation for his protest music. Sung in colloquial black English; it is a mixture of rap and rock, Bob Dylan meets ice T. When he's not making music, J. is publishing a newsletter devoted to exposing the resurgence of the far right in Germany, whose government, he says; is, at worst, aiding the rise, and at

best, doing nothing to stop it. When the Wall fell, we wanted to remake the country, to open up to the world," says J. "Instead, we just got a new set of leaders who are telling us to do things their way."

gime have been dashed. Instead, he speak out for me." sees in German unity some ominous ing increase in the far-right skin-

sings, plays guitar, bass, drums and keyboards on his recordings, made his first album last year, produced by the American Jack Rieley, who has worked with the Beach Boys, and Kool and The Gang. Called "We Are the Majority" (Polydor), it boasts songs with titles like "Born on the Wrong Side of Town," ("They came and promised

Germany's rulers to the Gestapo. Another song, "First They. Came," uses a text written by Mar-tin Niemöller, a victim of the Nazis, which begins "First they came for the Jows, and I did not speak

I is hardly nostalgic for the days out because I was not a Jew" and mader Erich Honecker. But his ends with "and then they came for hopes for freedom under a new reme. And there was no one left to

Despite the dramatic lyrics and stirrings: the resurgence of rightist the angry-sounding music, in per-ciencents that had been kept on the fringes of society in Germany since the war, a growing nationalism hair. He speaks matter-of-factly among the ruling classes, and about his country in unaccented among those his own age, an alarm- English. "Germany wants to be a superpower - not like America beads, fed by growing ranks of the used to be, pulling in to trouble unemployed in the East, who are spots and then pulling out. They often easy pickings for such groups.

> Deciding his records alon weren't enough to spread the word, he started a newsletter called Germany. Alert two years ago. The ond album, for release next year, weekly newsletter is intended as a called "We Are Everywhere," and tip sheet for civil-rights groups, goveroments and journalists worldwide. Israel Singer, secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress, says

of J.: "He's a phenomenon." A reader of Germany Alert, Singer liberty ... but all they delivered says, "There are things in it that is poverty") and "The Beast No alert me to subjects I wouldn't have One Ever Tamed," which compares known about otherwise. For a singer to alert somebody in politics to things that are happening in poli-tics is a great compliment."

J.'s moral outrage docsn't always win him fans. He gets little airplay in Germany, where criticism of re- the past."

unification doesn't go over well, particularly from someone who no longer lives in the country. After he appeared on MTV, which hills him as the "first hip-hop opponent of German racism," accusing the gov-ernment of encouraging anti-foreigner violence, Bonn demanded equal air time and made an angry rebuttal on the channel.

And last year, J. and his manager were held at gunpoint and beaten in their Pans apartment by German-speaking thugs who ransacked the place but took only lyric sheets. lia. The case is still unsolved. J. is currently at work on a sec-

is considering moving to the States. He can't see himself living in Germany again, and security there is a problem — his concerts have been threatened by neo-Nazi groups. "All the things from the Nazi

times, the attacks on foreigners and Jews, it's all happening again," says J. "We need to remind the world." About those who accuse him of overdramatizing current events in Germany, be says: "If they really had a clear conscience, they wouldn't mind being reminded of



tion. But Gilbert Deflo's staging in William

Orlandi's sets and costumes was stuck in a kind of shop-window baroquerie too literal

At the Opera Bastille, Offenbach is on hand until Jan. 12 with "Les Brigands" as the year-end entertainment. This was the com-poser's last hig success before the Franco-

Prussian War sent Napoléon III down the

drain and with it the society that supplied

Offenhach with such rich material for mock-

Why "Les Brigands" is not as well known as his more familiar operatus from the 1860s

is not clear, but it deserves to be. The zany

and explosion-filled production, from the Netherlands Opera, is staged by Jerôme Des-

champs and Macha Makeieff, with elever

The apparently indestructible Michel Sen-

echal husbands his voice carefully and enjoys

himself as the bandit chief. Michèle La-

grange, Doris Lamprecht, Jules Bastin, Ry-

land Davies and Daniel Galvez-Vallejo are in fine vocal and comic form in other major

sets by Françoise Darne.

Jens Müller, a/k/a J.

BOOKS

A Day in the Life of America's Greatest Restaurant

By Irene Daria. 230 pages. \$23. Random House.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardlev

MERICA'S greatest restau-A rant? Perhaps so, if you believe that the finest of all "American" restaurants is one that quite unashamedly celebrates and perpetuates the haute cuisine of France; not merely that, but one in which all but a privileged handful of Americans would feel out of place and in which the pocketbooks of most Americans would be strained well past the

No. Lutèce in New York is indisputably a great restaurant (al-though some would say its time has

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So why a book about Lutèce? Why should Americans be interested in an inside account of the workings of a place that almost none of them will ever visit? Well, apart from the obvious explanation that people love to read about the elite and exotic, the answer is that when you cut away all the Frenchy froufrou, Lutèce is in essence a restaurant like any other, its daily life both familiar and mysterious to millions of us. We wonder how a restaurant works just as we wonder about the inner operations of a car dealership or a supermarket or a brewery.

So here comes Irene Daria with the answers. Her portrait of Luièce and its celebrated chef-owner, Andre Soltner, is fully rounded and amply detailed. Soltner, born six decades ago in

Alsace, he gravitated to cooking early and has stayed there ever since. He has been in the United

issed) but it is "American" only States for about half his life, beginning with the opening of Lutèce in February 1961. He began as chef. with the promise of being made partner, and became full owner a decade later. He runs the restaurant with the help of his wife, Simone; despite the occasional rocky moment they run it as a family, with remarkably little turnover in ersonnel and with corresponding high staff morale.

Lutèce has 29 tables that can seat 75 customers. "On the breakdown sheets for a recent hunch and dinner." Daria writes, "total sales for hinch came to about \$4,600 and for dinner to about \$13,770. These are pretty standard amounts for Lutece and bring the restaurant's annual sales in at Andre's confirmed \$4 million plus." Soltner pays himself \$99,200 and Simone \$49,600: "a prominent industry analyst told that other restaurateurs of André's stature earn a solid

\$500,000 per year."

The disparity seems to have a couple of explanations. One is that Soltner isn't in it for the money; the other is that he pays his staff well and has a generous benefits program. "I am a craftsman," he says. "I don't want to raise my prices. I want to cook, to have stomers, to make enough money to pay my staff good and have enough money left for me. But that's it. I don't have the need for so much money." All of which is

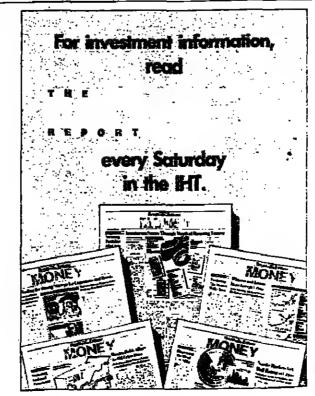
admirable, though readers do well to bear in mind that the prix fixe cost of hunch is \$38 and dinner \$60, plus wine (the cheapest goes for about \$30 a bottle) and all those tantalizing little extras, like salads and aperitifs — not to mention tips for the waiter (15 percent) and the captain (5 percent). The Washington Post.

the mayor and the governor. How the food gets to the custom-

er is an elaborate and entirely fascinating story that has a huge cast. The logistics of all this, as Daria

says, "seemed overwhelming," yet Soltoer and his staff carry them off not merely with aplomh hut also with plenty of room for improvisation and last-minute decisions. Never having supped at one of their tables — having, indeed, a distaste for exclusive restaurants — I cannot give personal testimony to this, but after reading Daria's fine book I feel entirely competent to do so.

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Zappa's Talent for Fun By Mike Zwerin

He was no freak.

He was a sharp

analyzer of

society . . .

Cajon, near San Diego, playing snare drum Aviation in Art. Are we supposed to take that serious in the junior high school orchestra. He was by or what? I added the question mark. bored, always counting rests, until one day he walked into a record store in neighboring La Mesa and was "bowled over" by a hi-fi demonstration recording —
The Complete Works of Edgard Varese, Vol. 1." which was "swimming in percussion."

You're crazy.'

nia. "A few of the guys blacked-ont drinking peppermint schnapps," he said. "It was the only R&B hand in the entire Mojave desert. There were three hlacks, two Mexicans, and Terry Wimberly represented the other oppressed peoples of the

After what be called a "dismal

This may account for one in his long line of memowanted was for everyone to agree.

Zappa, who died Saturday, was a hot talker and a gifted publicity man and his syntax need minimal editing. He ran a slew of corporations involving his music and related projects and was totally comfort-able carrying an attache case. He ran his band, The Mothers of Invention, like a well-organized husiness. The man who made albums with names like "Wea-

He "played" a hicycle on Steve Allen's TV show and cued a performance of one of his orchestral works conducted by Zuhin Mehta with: "Hit it, Zuhin!"

late. we'd all be goose-stepping."
The FNN sent him to Czechoslovakia to discuss

Frank on his way back from Prague to L. A. I asked him how come the harried president had time to talk to a rock musician. Zappa took umhrage: "Why does it seem so strange to you that Va-clay Havel would want to spend time with me? What's wrong with

You tended to be on the defen-

financed and managed his own products as much to keep free of record-company censorship as for the money. On the other hand, he went out of his way to be interviewed. He had called me at home the morning he arrived in Paris and picked me up at a club near the Champs-Elysees in a lime that night.
"I don't mean you personally." I lied.
"Yes you do." he snapped. "I've been asked that

same question in various forms since I went there. People are shocked that anybody of importance would spend any time talking to me." Being the victim of a self-constructed image

wrought with ambiguity and irony somehow surprised him. Perhaps this was his most attractive facet, he laid down this hig power trip and yet be was totally vulnerable. This was the guy who named his kids Moon Unit and Dweezil and then became aggressive with those who were "shocked" when "important" people talked and listened to him. Which they did.

San Fernando Valley with Moon Unit singing "Last idea to cross her mind / Had something to do with where to find / A pair of jeans to fit her butt / And where to get her toenails cut." She became a celebrity. The record sold hig, Is that a sellout, satire or just the

When it comes right down to it, and it has, the thing you remember and admire most about Frank Zappa is that whether you liked it or not, he was well paid for doing exactly what he wanted to do, he was good at it.

The day after he died, MTV ran an interview during which he put down the recording industry, including MTV: "Today you can turn on MTV and see Hulk Hogan waving an American Flag. It can be said that in the '80s, rock became as real as wrestling.'

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quick to add: "I have always wanted to be an actor, and I have done what I wanted to do. Every character that I made, I didn't do it cheaply. Sometimes the

work doesn't have the dignity I like to vest myself in,

Last year he drove more than 10 hours, from Cana-

da to New York City, to talk to Schepisi about the role

of Flan. Schepisi said he was quickly convinced that

Sutherland instinctively understood the character.

but I tried as hard as I could."

for money?" On many levels, I'm a gun for hire."

that forced him to mortgage his homes.

Sutherland's Uneasy Role

By Celia Dugger New York Times Service

to have to sell a house when you die," he said. "Which EW YORK - Donald Sutherland has gets back to: 'Are you honest with your work and do played sinister villains, off-the-wall odd-balls and anguished heroes, but rarely in his 63 film performances has be played a character so uncomfortably like himself. But the actor, who has had memorable roles in many movies, including "M*A*S*H." "Klute," "Don't Look Now" and "Ordinary People," was also

In "Six Degrees of Separation," the film version of the 1990 John Guare play about a young man who cons an Upper East Side couple, he is Flan Kittredge, a high-class art dealer who has turned his love of painting into commerce.

Sutherland, a serious actor, hawks Volvos in voiceovers for television advertisements. When he first read Guare's screenplay for the movwhich was directed by Fred Schepisi and opens

Wednesday, the character of Flan alienated him.

"Maybe he was ton close to me," said the actor, his 6foot-4(1.93-meter) frame tucked into a darkened corner of Jo-Jo, a restaurant in New York. "Maybe the idea of that kind of personal failure plagues me. Maybe living hand-to-month on that level plagues me."

At the age of 58, the Canadian actor still needs to work. Last year be was in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," a frothy comedy for teenagers, and "Benefit of the Doubt," a thriller that flopped. He is now playing an aging Confederate captain in a CBS production of The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All." He still has three sons to support, one at Princeton

22 years and refers to as his "belle amour," the French Canadian actress, Francine Racette. His eldest son is Kiefer Sutherland, who earns his living in Hollywood. The actor also has a farm in Quebec and a house in Paris, and he is not unknown in nice restaurants. But he still has what he calls a "huge financial insecurity,"

Rather than having the characters speak directly to the audience, as they often had on stage, the director and the screenwriter used the mobility of the camera to allow the Kittredges to tell ever wealthier circles of rapt socialites the elaborate tale of how they were connec Sutherland, whose character was outfitted in ele-

eant understated suits and a fastidiously clipped heard, describes Flan as a man "whose spark was not strong enough and gave way to venal amhition. And the more he bought and sold and the more successful be became, the weaker and more insubstantial his character became." and two at home with the woman he has lived with for The actor said he sought to convey not only Flan's

craving for big deals but also the "huge remorse" he feels about his mercenary life. In a dream sequence, his face is superimposed on

paintings by Mausse, Picasso and Pollock. In a voiceover, the actor says: "I felt so close to the paintings. I wasn't just selling them like pieces of meat."



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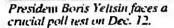
ECONOMIC QUESTIONS RUSSIA MUST ANSWER

ments to reduce its yawning budget deficit, cut spending and bring inflation under control. Those are the basic tenets of the economic plan it adopted last month, and there have been early signs that it is heing followed.

The overriding question, however, is whether the government will have a legislature that permits it to follow

Russians go to the polls on Dec. 12 of vote for the country's first-ever lemogratically electthrough on its fiscal commitments. to vote for the country's first-ever

democratically elected legislature. Opin-ion polls have shown that the govern-ment's party. Rus-sia's Choice, is likely to win the most seats in the new State Duma. But some seats are certain to be won by the more centrist Russian Party of Unity and Accord, the rural-based and more conscrvative Agrarian Party and even, according to recent polls, the Communist Party.



Even though some opposition is likely, a renewed stale- economic plan will be accepted by mate over economic policy is improbable. If the new constitution, also to be voted on Dec. 12, is approved, the government and the president will enjoy far broader powers to control spending and the budget than it did with the parliament President Boris Yeltsin disbanded in September.

Indeed, while it was the political standoff that led Mr. Yeltsin to disband the parliament, he made it clear that it was the lawmakers' intractability over the budget, economic policy and privatization that forced him to take the extreme measure.

In the two months since, the gov-

The Russian government will ernment has moved slowly to gain begin 1994 with firm commit-Inflation, which hit 26 percent per month in September, was scaled back to 20 percent in October and will probably drop to 15 percent in November. Year-end inflation is

expected to be around 900 percent.
"This is still not too good." says Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov. "but it is better than last year's figure

of 2.600 percent."

target Russia was supposed to meet in an agreement made in the spring with the International Monetary Fund for the final half of a \$3 bilstabilization loan.

The country had already received \$1.5 billion after agreeing to a series of tight monetary policy targets, but the second half was withheld after the country began to backslide on reforms.

Hopes are high within Russia that the new the IMF and that the second \$1.5 billion will be released in January. An additional \$600 million loan from the World Bank also hangs in the bal-

The new plan outlines much the same goals that Russia had last spring. It calls for 5 percent monthly inflation and for spending to be eliminated on as many as 30 programs. The plan envisages a yearly deficit of 5 percent of GNP, half the estimate

Whether the government can hit the

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Russian realities: Magnitogarsk steel works (ubove), one of the largest in the world, shares the difficulties of all Russian heavy industry. Red Square (above right) is symbolically almost empty, but there are alsa symbols of hope, as in the Moscow fountain to the Friendship of Peoples





RUSSIAN ROAD TO BUYING SHARES CAN BE DIFFICULT

Investing in Russia is not a simple matter. It requires caution as well as enterprise.

For instance, Yuganskneftegaz, a huge oil company with reserves in Western Siberia and promising West-ern partnerships, could have Russian and foreign companies rushing to buy its shares if only it would let them. But in fact it only put 12.05 percent of its shares on auction in November.

While Russia is selling off its massive state industries to the public, majority share packages rarely hit the auction block, and many large enterprises sell off less than 20 percent. The employees of most enterprises have used government compromises on privatization to obtain a controlling interest before auctions start. The government also keeps a temporary holding in prominent industries such

as oil companies and keeps them all but off-limits to foreigners.

Economists and investors are confident, however, that the time is just around the corner when Russia really opens up to foreign capital. Meanwhile, they are putting their money in smaller companies that promise less profits but involve lower risks as well. Yuganskneftegaz made it difficult for one single outsider to gain a size-

able chunk of the 12.05 percent it was offering by conducting the sale at exchanges all across Russia, according to its deputy director, Pavel Fyo-

The government has banned foreign participation in primary auctions of oil and gas industries.

As the government rarely uses its

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Alexander Titkin. 45 years old. Was born in Tula. Worked as an engineer, economist and plant director. Studied market economics in Cologne and Geneva. Was rewarded with international prizes in Madrid and Puerto Rico for his activities in industry. In 1991-92 Mr. Titkin was Minister of Industries of Russia.

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Vadim Dormidontov,

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The Russian govern-ment, with Western backing, has assigned special importance to its energy sector, opening lucrative opportunities for foreign companies to rehabilitate the country's oil infrastructure and develop new reserves.

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By any analysis, the industry needs help. Experts predict that crude oil output could fall as low as 300 million tons this year, from 394 million tons in 1992, while Russia's 28 major oil conglomerates have stopped production in

30,000 wells. According to the trade magazine Russian Petroleum Investor, Russ
into exploitation of a vast that its Permaneft joint venture his a gusher in the far ian natural-gas giant Gazprom faces a net loss of more than \$2.7 billion this

The U.S. Export-Import Bank recently answered Russian calls for foreign assistance by approving \$2 billion in credits for purchases of U.S. oil-drilling equipment and service contracts. In another positive move, the Russian government has speeded up negotiations for a \$10 billion U.S.-Japanese investment

service companies' position in the Russian market and will provide much-needed equipment to repair wells, he says. Future credit agreements will be essential for developing new reserves, says Mr. Dormidontov, because even the wealthiest oil companies cannot afford the risk of funding projects

in Russia alone. 'New development requires a lot more money than rehabilitation," he says. "The best place to borrow it is from government agencies and multilateral organizations."

Nonetheless, some private Western oil companies - mainly American - are moving ahead in joint ven-tures with Russian firms. Anatoly Fomin, deputy minister of fuel and energy, says that oil exports by joint ventures will reach [1] million tons this year, compared with 4.5 million tons in 1992. More than 40 joint ventures have been set up in Russia to restore abandoned oil fields, exploit new ones and resolve ecological problems, he says. Petroleum Occidental

northern Timan-Pinchora basin, and it is seeking investment to develop the find. DuPont subsidiary Conoco has received pledges of \$200 million from world financial organizations to develop a 100-million-barrel field in the

same region. Foreign financial organizations find Russia's energy sector attractive because Russian oil and gas projects can earn the hard currency needed to pay back loans.

The energy sector is a place where investment can be done with minimal risk," says Roger Gale, Moscow director of the International Finance Corporation, an arm of the World Bank.
"We feel confident it will be a very viable sector for private investment." The World Bank has

approved \$610 million to restore up to 1,300 wells in Western Siberia, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has approved another \$342 million for further rehabilitation projects.

The total investment so far, however, does not come close to what is needed. Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin has estimated that Russia, which contains one-third of the world's hydrocarbon resources, will require about \$65 billion by the year 2000 just to restore the nation's oil production capacity, let alone develop new reserves. Many Western execu-

tives complain that Russia bas too many restrictions



Producing oil and gas in Siberio: More than 40 joint ventures (mostly with U.S. investors) ore helping to exploit Russio's rich resources.

EC AID PROGRAM GROWS IN COMPLEXITY

For some Western transport, says that EC entrepreneurs, assisting Russia has proved difficult, and conducting business in the country even more so. But new forms of trade with and aid from the EC are

energy industry bas already

gone too far to be reversed.

Wherever you go in

Mark Whitehouse

Siberia," he says "you will

find an American firm."

That is where TACIS

explains Mr. Renders.

And that, according to Russia experts, is a highly complex, lengthy process. Nonstandard responsibiliues for Russia-based EC development experts in-clude the securing and compilation of basic data and canvassing for local

Abel Matutes, head of

experts have been successful in making an approach based on nonstandardized equipment to Russia solutions work. He gives the EC's individual pro-As he explains, in addigram staff high marks for tion to procuring start-up

This supply of resourcefulness and of outside financial and market re-

Patience needed in waiting for returns

sources is also a requisite for Western companies active in Russia, according to Hans Schreiber, director of Metallgesellschaft AG. The Frankfurt-based company has been one of Russia's major trading partners for more than nine decades, It currently transacts business worth I billion Deutsche marks a year with the CIS. Metallgesellschaft's plant and mechanical engineering subsidiary. Lurgi AG, has built over 300 industrial and energygenerating facilities in the

CIS countries. Mr. Schreiber says many capital expenditure projects depend on funds from such EC financial institutions as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which has authorized credits for three energy plants and an oil extraction project in Russia dur-ing the first nine months of 1993. They also depend on a large supply of resourcefulness: Germany's authoritative Ost Wirtschaftsreport biweekly has assembled a forbidding cbecklist of 12 problem areas facing investors setting up businesses in Russia. A sample: Prepare yourself to contend with conflicts and rivalries as to which organizations are to supervise

your project." For companies, this resourcefulness is indispensable when arranging payment. According to Ost Wirtschaftsreport, fully 50 percent of the West's \$5 billion in exports to Russia in the first half of 1993 was financed by "countertrade." This term describes barter and other tied trade agreements.

"Counter-trade does not suffice to describe the scope and complexity of current payment arrangements in Russia," says

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helping.

The EC's programs for Central and Eastern Europe have a way of expanding in scope. As its name would suggest, PHARE (Poland Hungary Aid for the Restructuring of Economies) was originally destined for Poland and Hungary. Today, it has grown into a full-fledged assistance program for the entire region. apart from the Soviet Union's successor states.

(Technical Assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States) comes in. The program's initial concept was for small-scale teams of expert consultants to provide expertise to individual development projects uodertaken by the CIS's local and regional public authorities.

Three years and more than 1.3 billion Ecus later, TACIS is an essential element in Russia's development efforts. After evaluating the safety of the country's nuclear reactors, experts commissioned by TACIS are now about to implement improvements in power-plant operating systems. TACIS funds have been used to fund law-formulation sessions and the establishment of enure vocational training systems.

According to Anton Renders, staff expert on CIS finances and assistance at Düsseldorf's EC information office, this growth has been partially unplanned. TACIS experts were supposed to arrive in Russia and help solve a series of discrete, highly specific problems. Upon arrival, they found out that their first job was to determine the nature and extent of the problems themselves."

the EC Commission's directorate of energy and Ludolf Plass, member of the board of management of Lurgi Energie und Umwelt GmbH, which supplies technologies and

their ability to come up finance, Lurgi's side of the with coherent courses of deal may involve the delivaction in confusing situaery of equipment needed by its Russian partner for its production facilities. To secure its payment, Lurgi may also have to organize the transport and marketing of its Russian partner's products, and the settling of

> In view of the costs in personnel time and corporate resources arising from this complexity, are such deals worth a company's while? "For companies with well-developed trading outreaches and large portfolios of applicable technologies, my answer would be a qualified yes," says Mr. Plass. He adds: "It's not a high-profit, highvolume, immediate return

type of business. Patience

related financial transac-

and a feeling for long-term opportunity are required." The long-term opportuni-

ty is definitely there. For Western exporters, Russia's \$385 billion need for environmental protection facilities over the next eight years is undoubtedly of pertinent interest. On the other side of the coin. according to one expert's report, Russia has "an irresistible trove of natural resources" to offer world markets.

Equally appealing to these markets, according to Mr. Schreiber, are Russia's scientific breakthroughs. Mr. Plass agrees. "We are currently assisting a number of Russian partners in markeung innovations in such fields as material treatment and space technologies," he says.
"By any standards, they

have world-class technologies. The trick is to turn these technologies into commercial, marketable products.'

Terry Swartzberg

FREEDOM CAN BE HARD FOR FACTORIES This is a testing time most popular form of for-

for Russian industry. But among the stories of disasters, there are also stories of successful adapta-

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For instance, when the fire in April, many thought rendering 170,000 workers million and supply engines jobless and leaving 230,000 until the new production trucks without an engine.

Only four months later,

state planning, many Russ- eral Director Nikolai Bekh. ian factories were left at a The aerospace industry, loss when subsidies were the pride of Soviet military slasbed and government might, has proven one of orders stopped coming, the most attractive investparticular has found it has eign investors. little to offer a fledgling

market economy.
Some other industries, however, have launched promising new products and have attracted foreign investors to help pay for the upgrading of equipment. In the huge defense sector, aerospace industries make up for a drop in state orders by selling abroad, while others find that conversion can help them tap new mar-

Joint production, com-bining Western and Russian technological strengths with cheap labor and a promising market, are the Motors.

eign investment. KamAZ picked U.S.

Off the coast of Sakhalin Island, north of Japan, prepara-

tions are made to exploit a vast natural gas reservoir.

engine-maker Cummins Diesel for a new joint venture that will produce 50.000 truck engines a engine production line of a year Mercedes Benz, huge truck factory in Caterpillar and Detroit Tatarstan was ravaged by a Diesel bid for the project as well but lost out to Cumthe plant was a write-off, mins' offer to invest \$300 line gets rolling.

Cummins will help however, foreign investors KamAZ modernize its competed fiercely for the trucks and launch a new, job of helping the KamAZ, heavier model that meets plant build a new produc- European standards and tion line for 50,000 engines should boost the company's export revenues, After many decades of according to KamAZ Gen-

Russia's heavy industry in ment opportunities to for-

Pratt & Whitney joined up with aircraft engine producer Klimov Corp. in St. Petersburg to make gas tur-bine engines for civil aircraft, hoping to combine top-rate Russian fuselages with Western engine tech-

rology.

Klimov has the monopoly in this market, says Alexander Sarkisov, general director of Klimov.

Pratt & Whitney also supplies engines for the new wide-bodied airbus of aircraft giant Ilyushin and bopes to start producing them locally with Perm



In St. Petersburg, a factory that once produced missiles now turns out refrigerators and vacuum cleaners.

industry and 10 percent of the work force dedicated to defense, conversion can be a promising business.

Baxter Healthcare Corp. started a joint production line of surgical clamps in a plant that used to make missile-guidance systems. The venture will employ only a fraction of the 8,000 workers who used to work in the factory, but for Yevgeny Yegorov, deputy general director of the joint venture, the project means that at least 150 families will have a guaranteed

source of income. Others also find they can use the strength of their military technology in civilian production lines. In a joint venture with Asea Brown Boveri, Saturn fac-

With 40 percent of beavy tory found that it can make gas turbines for electric power plants just as well as the turbines it used to make for military jets.

Despite the economic crisis, quite a few Russian factories have been able to cash in on liberalization of exports and are buying up Western equipment rather than waiting for foreign investors.

The German metallurgy equipment producer Man-nesmann AG, for instance, signed a \$46 million contract with the Chelyabinsk tube plant in Siberia to supply the new tube mills for the plant. The mills replace equipment that Mannesmann sold to the Soviet Union in 1932.

Mikhail Dubik & Sander Thoenes

DIFFICULT ROAD TO BUYING SHARES

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sbares to influence management, Yuganskneftegaz workers bave gained de facto control of their company, according to Boris Bakal, consultant to the International Finance Corporation, which assists the privatization campaign.

That could be bad news for potential investors and for the company as well.

"Giving the majority share to the employees does not promote more efficient enterprise," Mr. Bakal says, as workers block necessary eost-cutting measures that could threaten their jobs.

Mr. Fyodorov says that his company is unwilling to grant control to outside investors not only because they might fire employees but also because they might slash the company's contribution to social services.

Io the oil town of ny supports hospitals and smaller enterprises that are plays opening up to proschools that the govern-

ment has yet to fund. Another reason for Mr. Fyodorov's distaste for outside investors is that the initial privatization auctions do oot give the company any cash.

Shares can only be exchanged for privatization vouchers, which the government distributed free of charge to all 150 million Russian citizens last year. Many citizeos have sold their vouchers to iovestment funds, which are eager to gain control of promising enterprises such

as Yuganskneftegaz. According to Jane Dietze, in charge of small-scale privatization for the International Finance Corporation in Moscow, potential investors will have to wait until shares become available on secondary markets, probably at much higher

Meanwhile, investment companies such as TIROSS with new sections and Nefteyugansk, the compa- are putting their money in

investment. Alexander Titkin, president of TIROSS, says that he has opted to spread the risks by buying small sbare packages in a wide range of companies.

As long as there are no safeguards or state guaran-tees on investment in Russia, he says, "it is better to take lower profits on lower Food processing firms

and oil refineries are among the most promising investments, according to Mr. Titkin, because they make goods that will always be in demand. TIROSS not only invests money but also offers to deliver Western equipment in return for

ownership appears to work quite well. Since it was privatized last summer, the TsUM general department store in downtown Moscow changes face almost daily. impressive window dis-

Io some cases, worker

clothing, perfume and electronics.

Like the workers at Yuganskneftegaz, the 3,000 employees of this famous store obtained a majority share in their com-pany. Only 29 percent of shares in the store were sold to the public, with TsUM staff bidding actively against investment com-

The largest outside investor, a Moscow-based investment fund, managed to get only 4 percent of shares.

Unlike most other firms, however, TsUM can get financing for badly needed repairs without losing control of the company: It leases parts of the store to small foreign and Russian shops eager to tap into the booming Russian consumer mar-

"All outside influence is detrimental to the store." says General Director Anatoly Metyolkin. "We run

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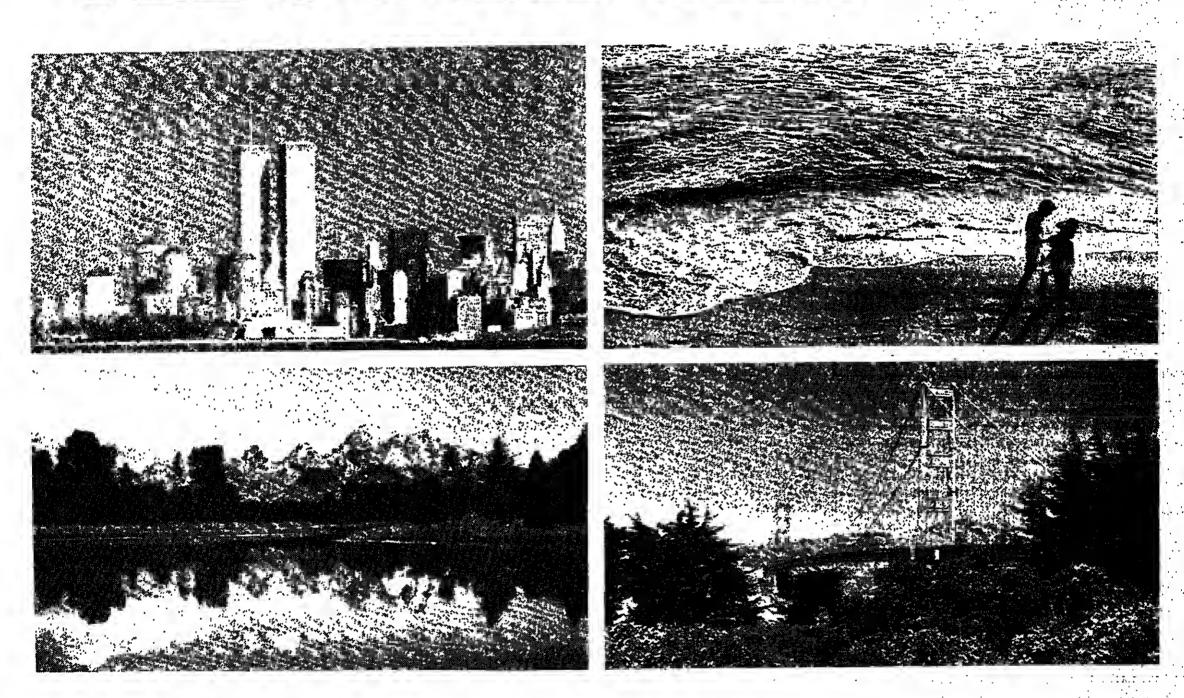
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FARMERS IN FRONT LINE OF REFORM

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President Boris Yeltsin boosted agricultural reforms this autumn when he passed a decree introducing private land ownership to Russia, but the transformation of the inefficient state farms to productive private farming will take more than just a decree.

The government's ambitious attempt to revive agricultural production, key to economic reforms and political stability in Russia, has so far given enterprising farmers little help in going it alone, but farmers say it does remove many of the obstacles to

private farming.
With a stroke of the pen in October. Mr. Yeltsin gave the country's 20 million farmers the chance to break free of the Soviet-era collective farm system and own the land they have worked for years.

Vladimir Bashmachnikov, president of the association of private farmers, says that the decree's major benefit was in enabling farmers to get loans through mortgages and enlarge their farms. And the decree was only the most striking of a series of

reforms to the agriculture sector. The government has also dropped subsidies on grain prices, stopped subsidizing agricultural loan repayments and announced it will end forced state grain purchases by the end of the year.

The ending of subsidies to millers has forced up the price of bread. In Moscow shops, it has nearly doubled since September to 250 rubles (\$0.21) per loaf, and bread and grain analyst Arkady Gurevich predicts that the price will go up to 300 rubles by the

On the other hand, the loosening of state control on grain production will



Harvesting hay: 20 million Russian farmers face the challenge of reform.

boost the private agricultural and food distribution businesses, says Arkady Zlochevsky, chief executive of Russia's biggest private grain trading company, OGO.

Mr. Zlochevsky says that his company nearly tripled monthly sales, to about \$8 million. While the state remains Russia's biggest grain purchaser, controlling about 75 percent of the market, Mr. Zlochevsky predicts that the inefficient state system will soon collapse, allowing private traders to expand.

The reforms have a long way to go. The 26,700 state and collective farms in Russia still account for over 90 percent of all agricultural land, while 184,000 private family farms occupy only 3.9 percent, according to a recent World Bank study.

Farmers who do manage to set up on their own sometimes find their access to the market blocked by monopolistic distribution and processing industries, which set prices and prefer to do business with old allies in the state farms. The government is planning to give credits to new private produce auctions, but it can do little to break up the monopo-

One of the first experimental farm privatization projects, involving six former state farms in the Nizhny Novgorod region, has had only limited success.

Under this pilot project, expected to be the model of agricultural privatization for the entire country, farmers receive entitlement certificates that can make them owners of part of the land and property of the collective farm. They can use these certificates to bid for sections of the farm at special auctions or sell them to col-

At the first such auction in November, the Pravdinskaya farm in Nizhny Novgorod was divided into nine smaller business units.

Many farmers were skeptical about the project. "Who can prove that they won't take our land away from us next month, just like they did in the past," was the comment of a tractor driver at the Niva farm near Nizhny Novgorod.

State farm directors have defended attempts to keep their collectives intact by arguing that, after years of total state control over agriculture, farmers have lost interest in the fruits of their labor and would not succeed on their own. The director of the Niva farm, Mr. Mikheyev, is more optimistic. "Our people have forgotten how to think," he says, "but I am sure that they will recover step by step."

TOURISM: UNEXPECTED ADVENTURES

The end of Soviet-era travel restrictions in Russia has opened new opportunities for both visitors and the Russian tourism industry.

The state monopoly Intourist, once the obligatory host to all foreign guests, now faces competition from a number of foreign and private Russian travel agencies and Western hotel chains. Western airlines land daily in both Moscow and St. Petersourg and offer an alternative to the sometimes alarming Aeroflot flights.

Dean Breest, spokesman for Delta Air Lines, says, "Moscow is a good market for Delta because of its high yield. We are also very optimistic about the long-term prospects of Moscow and the emerging economies of Eastern Europe." Delta has a yearround service to Moscow and a seasonal service to St. Petersburg.

New travel destinations and options are attracting new kinds of tourists, whose interests go beyond Lenin's Tomb and the Kremlin. "As of 1993, there has been a resumption of inter-

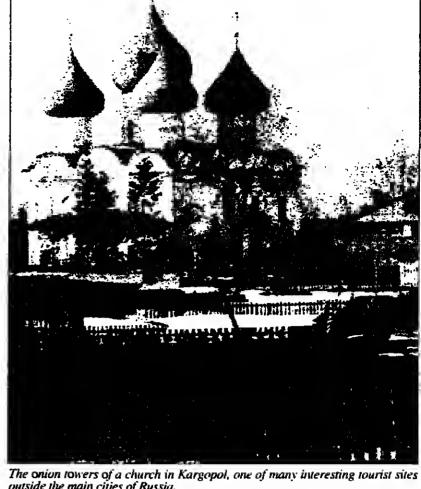
Western airlines challenge Aeroflot

est in Russia," says Igor Grymov, managing director of Apex Travel in Moscow. "We have three times as many customers.

Members of the American Society of Travel Agents gave rave reviews to recent improvements in Moscow's tourist industry. "Everything was wonderful," says David Love, chairman of a group of 44 agents who made an inspection tour earlier this year, "Our guides were wonderful, and the food was great." The only major complaint among the visiting travel agents was that hotel rates were too high for the service offered.

Bustling Moscow and historic St. Petersburg remain the most popular destinations, with day trips to ancient monasteries and magnificent palaces. But more and more Russian and foreign travel agencies are catering to adventurers: They invite them to take a belicopter tour over Lake Baikal, get on a whitewater raft in Siberia or explore volcanic wilderness on the Far Eastern peninsula of Kamchatka. With U.S. hotel chain Radisson opening a lush hotel in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, self-indulgent beach holidays will soon be an option in Russia as well.

Even Intourist is cashing in on the new trend, according to Vladimir Braginsky, assistant to the company's president, "Before, we turned down any request that did not strictly con-



outside the main cities of Russia.

form to our set itineraries," he says, "But now we're letting people know that we can take any special request." Reindeer safaris to Arkhangelsk and tours of the North Pole are now just a matter of money and time.

For longer trips, Moscow travel agencies provide connecting flights to the neighboring republics. The Crimea peninsula is popular for bicycling trips and offers a majestic beach resort, once reserved for top Communist Party officials, near Yalta, Ancient Muslim temples dot the landscape in Uzbekistan, splendid mountain ranges cross Kyrgyzstan, and the Baltics offer the history and charm of Central European towns.

Those worried by newspaper reports of rising crime rates should remember that Russia is only catching up with the West, not overtaking "Moscow is a big city, like New York or London, where you have to be careful," says Ronald Gebhardt, manager of the Duich travel agency Perestroika Reizen, "In New York,

you are not going to take a night walk through Central Park, and the same holds true for Gorky Park.

While unofficial cab drivers crowd the streets of Moscow and St. Petersburg to offer a ride anywhere in a matter of minutes, tourists should trust only licensed yellow cabs and the excellent public-transport system. In earlier years, tourists could cut their expenses by changing dollars on a bustling black marker; these days, travelers can avoid the risks of fake bank notes and armed robberies by using licensed banks, which often offer better rates than street traders.

October's violent siege of the parliament building in Moscow did little to boost tourism, but James Kober, vice president of the American Express travel agency in Moscow, says that visitors to Russia have always had a sense of adventure. In one hotel near the fighting, for instance, some tourists refused to be evacuated because they were enjoying the spectacle.

BANKS HAVE VITAL ROLE IN EXPANSION

No sector has experienced greater growth in the new Russia than the banking, financial and security industries. These were, after all, the major industries that did not exist during the Soviet

Union. From one state bank during the Soviet era, the Russian banking. industry has exploded to over 1,800 institutions in the five years since it was liberalized. Stock exchanges, currency exchanges, commodity markets and a lively trade in privatization vouchers have also begun to play a

role in the emerging market economy. Their impact so far has been limited because of Russia's uneven transition. The country is suffering from the vagaries of an economy that is no longer centrally planned yet not quite free. High inflation, deficient property and securities laws and, most of all, a lack of knowledge have kept these new markets from having the impact

they do in the West. ney do in the West. Still, their very existence is a sharp contrast from even two years ago. Currency conversion, once rigidly controlled by the state, is now handled at several foreign exchanges that have sprung up in the country and at thousands of bank-owned and independent money-changing booths, sometimes holed up beneath a stair-

At the country's leading exchange, the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, an estimated \$55 million is traded during five sessions per week. The exchange, which only opened in July 1992, also trades Deutsche marks and is working on uncertainty of property laws and the

plans to trade the new currencies of the other nations of the former Soviet

The government also began to sell three-month treasury bills for the first time, using them to fund the government deficit instead of printing rubles. The government plans its biggest issue ever in December, which officials say could be as much as 90 billioo rubles (\$73 million), and the government might begin selling sixmonth bills as well. A secondary market is allowed to trade the bills three times a week.

The government bas also issued 1 billion rubles worth of gold-backed bonds, for which a secondary market is developing.

Most important, the foundation for an equity market was created when the government issued privatization vouchers to every Russian citizen as part of the largest state sell-off in buman history. A lively trade has developed in vouchers at a series of stock exchanges in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Ekaterinburg, Vladivos-

tock and elsewhere in the country.
Limited stock and commodities markets bave developed at these exchanges, offering everything from ruble futures to new airplanes.

The banks themselves bave played only a small role in financing new businesses. With new banking laws passed in 1988, every large state institution, academy or enterprise opened its own branch. Of the 1,800 banks, most are small and not well capitalized. But even the largest ones bave been reluctant to lend, given the

high inflation rate. The largest bank, International Moscow Bank, has assets of more than \$3 billion but made loans of only \$55.44 million in 1992. The track record for IMB, 60 percent owned by five foreign institutions, is similar to the other big Russian banks.

Despite their low lending ratios, many of these banks have been highly profitable. Dialog Bank, which is half foreign-owned, expects to earn \$8 million this year on assets of \$150

The banks bave made their profits largely through foreign exchange, taking rubles and turning them into dollars and investing them overseas. They also charge high fees to customers for currency conversions and wire transfers.

Hoping to cash in on the lucrative market, a dozen foreign banks sough and bave been granted operating licenses. But Russian banks, fearful of the competition and boping to protect their turf, strongly objected, and President Boris Yeltsin recently signed a decree limiting most of these to serving only foreign clients. The banking sector, still antiquated

by Western standards, would arguably develop faster with foreign banks active and operating. Next year should see dramatic improvements, particularly if inflation can be controlled. The World Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Community and other international organizations have all allocated substantial sums to help overhaul the financial

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The Group's urban cycle of activities and achievements using Frankfurt am Main as an example.

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DUESTIONS RUSSIA MUST ANSWER

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targets or not remains to be Mr. Fyodorov acknowledged in a recent press conference that a much-touted July presidential spending freeze was largely ignored.

Already, public pressure is growing after the govern-ment stopped granting subsidized credits to industry. The energy and agricultural sectors have been among the hardest hit, and there is fear that limited strikes at gas fields and coal mines in November could grow if the government continues to keep a tight hold on the purse strings.

In November, unemployment edged up to just over I percent of the work force, to 728,400, the first increase in five months. The Federal Labor Service blamed the increase on the strict credit policy and said ruble had remained at the actual number of jobless was much higher -

probably closer to 5 mil-The debate on unemployment will be at the top of the agenda as this year draws to a close. Conservatives argue for slower reforms and for greater protection of the work force, while reformers say that unemployment is necessary so that workers will move into productive areas.

trade, which bas experi-enced a comeback in the past year. The govern-ment's 1994 economic plan calls for reducing the state's share of exports by 300 percent, cutting export taxes by 50 percent and dismantling the export quota system, which limits the amount of some raw materials and other products that

can be sent abroad. The quotas act as bidden price subsidies by guaranteeing that certain products, such as fuel and metals, are sold within the domestic market at the lower domes-

Russia's smooth transition to a market economy depends on the answers to two questions:

The first is whether inflation can be brought under control and the country's currency stabilized. The around 1,100 to the dollar since the summer but lately has been creeping up above the 1,200 level as inflation

takes its toll. The second question is whether the new parliament and the government will provide a stable legal, tax and political environment under which new businesses can thrive, international financial agencies can feel comfortable making loans and foreigners can invest

One of those areas is comfortably. Russia needs rade, which has experian estimated \$30 billion to \$50 billion annually in foreign investment, but because of the vagueness of

the country's laws and its political instability. attracted only about \$1.5 billion in 1992. Steve Liesman

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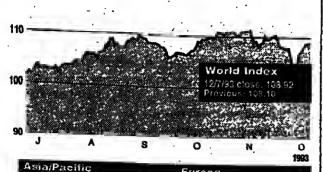
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Bonn Sets Pact With Paris on

BRUSSELS — Europe's two big-gest telecommunications providers, n Germany and in France, unveiled plans Tuesday for a venture to carry global business communications.

Telecoms

Deutsche Bundespost Telekom and France Telecom, announcing the signing of a memorandum of understanding, said talks on an additional link with American Telephone & Telegraph Co., the world's largest telecommunications concern would be concluded soon.

cern, would be concluded soon. Telecommunications companies are racing to form alliances to create companies big enough to offer multinational corporations the communications they need to link their worldwide operations. The French-German accord seeks to ensure a place for a large European company in the world market.

Their alliance falls far short of a merger but links virtually all of each company's voice and data services for corporate networks.

"The joint venture between France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom creates a future-oriented foundation to establish a European global player on the world telecom-munications market," said Dentsche Telekom Chairman Helmut Ricke.

The new company, which has not yet been named, will be based in Brussels and is expected to have sales of around 1.5 billion European Currency Units (\$1.69 billion) in 1995, its first year of operations. Its French and German owners plan to invest 1 billion Ecus by 2000. The company, which is to have about 4,000 employees by 1995, would integrate the existing

French-German corporate-pet-

works venture, Eunetcom, and

France's data-transfer business,

Transpac, and Deutsche Telekom's Datex-P network. But Mr. Ricke, seeking to counter market speculation of a full merger of Europe's two biggest telecommunications concerns, added, "We are not talking about merging the core businesses of our companies, but rather about indi-vidual markets." (Reuters, AP)

Lloyd's Settlement Offer £900 Million Offered to End Claims

By Erik Ipsen

International Herald Tribine
LONDON — Lloyd's of London attempted to digitself out of its vast legal hole on Tuesday by unveiling a settlement that would give its members £900 million in return for agreeing to drop claims totaling £3.2 billion against the insurance market.

But representatives of the members said they would recommend rejecting the proposal, which is worth about \$1.35 bil-

"We believe that the offer i very much in the interests of all members," Chairman David Rowland of Lloyd's said at R news conference.

Reaction to the plan was swift and scathing, "This whole thing

is an exercise in mirrors and nothing more," said Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Names Associations Working Party, the so-called super group representing 17,000 Lloyd's members with suits pending against the market. Mr. Stockwell called the offer grossly inadequate and pointed out that he had aimed for £2 billion, plus

a cap on future losses. Evidence of the gap that now separates Lloyd's from its mem-

FRANKFURT - Deutsche Bank AG, Germany's

largest bank, said Monday that it set aside a record 2.46 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.44 billion) in risk

provisions during the first ten months of 1993.

Hilmar Kopper, the bank's chief executive, said

about 90 percent of the provisions, which had risen

54.4 percent from last year, were devoted to covering

the bank's domestic loan business and reflected Ger-

many's recession. He said he did not expect the situa-

The bank also announced Monday that its operat

ing profit for the first 10 months totaled 4.21 billion DM, up 11 percent, while group assets were calculated at 539.6 billion DM, up 8.2 percent. Comparisons are

made with a proportional figure from all of 1992 rather than with the actual year-earlier period in order

Deutsche Bank's market position in Germany is so

combined earnings of the next three largest banks. of view.

commanding that its operating profit exceeded the

tion to improve in the near future.

bers came in Tuesday's final report of the Financial Panel, one of two comittees set up last spring to oversee the drafting of a settlement. All three members of that panel who represent names - the wealthy individuals who provide the market's capital

- refused to sign it. In a letter to the panel's chairman, they charged that in an at-

Representatives of the names called the offer grossly inadequate.

tempt to rush to a conclusion insufficient work was done in an-

alyzing member's claims. Lloyd's said it needs 70 percent of names to accept its offer, but the betting is that the insurance market will fall well short of its goal. The difference between what is on the table and what could be available through the courts is just too great," said one London-based insurance analyst. As recently as last summer the

Deutsche's Provisions Surge

prospect of no settlement and of

encless years of costly legal wrangles was viewed as potentially rumous for the market. That is no longer the case, according to most people familiar with the market.

What has changed is that Lloyd's has now thrown the membership door open to corporations beginning in 1994 and has surprised even itself with the scale of its success. Already corporations have pledged £860 milion to the market, shoring up its badly eroded capital base.

"If the names reject the settlement it will not impact the confi-dence of corporations," predicted Charles Ironside, a director of members' agents Stace Barr, a group that has signed up £112 illion in new corporate money in the last two months.

Some observers labeled the settlement as little more than a publie-relations exercise designed to convince the world that the new Lloyd's management has made a good-faith effort to bury past wrongs. "They can now play Pontus Pilate and wash their hands of the whole affair," said David Tiplady, a lawyer repre-senting several Lloyd's names.

In making their offer on Tues-See LONDON, Page 21

Dresdner Bank AG, Bayerische Vereinsbank AG, and

Commerzbank AG produced a combined total of 3.43

billion DM, significantly less than Deutsche Bank.

Foreign operations accounted for the gain in group earnings, Mr. Kopper said. The three most profitable operations were the Luxembourg subsidiary, Deutsche Bank Luxembourg SA, with 283 million DM, the

merchant banking subsidiary in London, Morgan Grenfell Group, with 241 million DM, and its main Italian unit, Banca d'America e d'Italia SpA, with 237

Mr. Kopper rejected recent criticism in the German

ress alleging that the country's banks were profiting

during a recession at the expense of their customers,

■ Profiteering Charges Rejected

RJR to Slash **6,000 Jobs** To Boost Profit

NEW YORK - RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. said Tuesday it planned to cut 6,000 jobs, or nearly 10 percent of its total of 63,000 worldwide, in a restructuring to streamline operations and improve

nearly half of the estimated 116,000 employees it had just before it was taken private in a leveraged buyout in December 1988.

It said it would take a fourthquarter charge for the restructuring of 32 cents a fully diluted share, or

RJR, which owns R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Nabisco Brands Inc., said the latest cutbacks would be spread among administrative, sales and operations employees in

both its food and tobacco sectors. R.J. Reynolds is the second-largest cigarette manufacturer in the United States, whose products include the popular Winston, Salem and Camel brands, Nabisco's products include Oreo cookies and Ritz crackers. Consumer-products companies

have come under pressure from lower-cost store-label and generic brands as a result of the 1990-91 recession in the United States and the sluggish recovery.

Philip Morris Cos. cut the price of its Mariboro and other premium brands of cigarettes this year to try to regain market share from discount brands. Reynolds then lowered prices on its top-selling brands, including Winston and Salem, to keep pace with Philip Morris. The price war took a heavy toll

on the tobacco companies. RJR Nabisco's third-quarter earnings fell 58 percent as a result.

"Our restructuring program is intended to improve margins in both the tobacco and food business so we can resume our earnings growth track next year," Charles M. Harper, chairman and chief executive officer, said. He forecast that the move would

Reuters reported from Frankfurt.
"No banker in Germany needs to be embarrassed,"
Mr. Kopper said. He said that German bank profits increase the company's net income by an average of \$250 million a were even underdeveloped from an international point

RJR was taken private for \$24.9

publicized buyout that alarmed

consumer groups, raised congressional concerns and riveted the attention of Wall Street on the largest corporate takeover ever. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., which won the bidding for the company over two rivals, one of them a group led by RJR Nabisco's own

pay for the transaction, including a See NABISCO, Page 17

management, then loaded it down with around \$25 billion in debt to

Cox Cable Unit Plans Venture With Bell Firm

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche SAN ANTONIO, Texas -Southwestern Bell Corp. and the Cox Cable Communica-tions unit of Cox Enterprises Inc. on Tuesday announced a \$4.9 billion partnership to jointly own and operate 21 Cox cable systems and up-grade the cable networks to offer new services.

The partnership will also seek to acquire more cable operations and programming as-sets, the companies said.

Southwestern Bell will commit \$1.6 billion to the partnership and take 40 percent ownership initially, with an option to increase to 50 percent. Both companies will jointly

manage the partnership, with each company having two seats on an executive committee. Cox Cable's president, James O. Robbins, will serve as chief executive officer.

The partnership will jointly own and operate 21 Cox cable systems, provide new services to existing cable networks and pursue acquisitions of other cable operations and programming investments, the compa-(Reuters, AP)

MEDIA MARKETS

Transforming Times Mirror

By William Glaberson
New York Times Savice

NEW YORK -- Management changes an-nounced last week at Times Mirror Co. in Los Angeles accelerated an evolution that is changing one of the largest family-dominated media empires in the United States.

The company's president, David Laventhol, said-he was stepping down; and two vice presidents were given new jobs in what was seen as the start of a contest to succeed the chairman, Robert F. Erburn, who is 63 and expected to retire in two years.

Mr. Erburn, a longtime adviser of Times Mirror's founding Chandler family, is likely to be the last charman with such close ties to the Chandlers. Otis Chandler, the last of the Chandlers to be directly involved in management, stepped down as chairman in 1986. Chandler family members still control 54 percent of the company's voting rights.

Besides the flagship Los Angeles Times, the com-pany also owns Newsday, which circulates on Long Island and in New York City, and newspapers in Hartford, Connecticut, Baltimore and elsewhere. Last year, Times Mirror had a loss of \$67 million

after one-time charges that included payments made to induce employees to leave the company. Largely because of the recession, it has seen operating profit from its newspapers shrink from a high of \$377 million in 1987 to \$126 million last year.

Kenneth T. Berents, an analyst at Wheat First Securities, said Times Mirror was known as a company with excellent properties that had not been posting excellent financial results. As it shifts toward the first group of managers without family links, he said, it will be expected to adopt a more cold-blooded management style. Some in the industry do not welcome such changes. They say the historical success of family-

dominated newspaper companies came partly from the managers' ability to separate the drive for profit from the drive for quality. Some of those strengths will be lost, they say, if professional managers, struggling to meet traditional business benchmarks, lose sight of journalistic values.

Mr. Erburn, the current chairman, was a lawyer at a firm that has long represented Chandler interests and, since 1961, a top executive who helped design a strategy to diversify by buying major media proper-ties. Some analysts say he has governed in the style of a family member: He is active, for example, on a number of civic and charity boards.

Among his moves was the promotion of Mr. Laventhol to the second-highest position in the company. In a time when few former editors reach the top ranks of newspaper corporations, Laventhol is finishing his career near the top. Among other jobs, he has been Newsday's publisher, a Times Mirror executive and its president since 1987.

Mr. Laventhol, said Gerald D. Reilly, a newspa-per consultant, "is one of the few left at that level

who is really from an editorial background." Mr. Laventhol, who has supervised cutbacks that have shrunk The Los Angeles Times staff by 23 percent over three years and closed its San Diego edition, is no sentimentalist. But he is known for a keen sense of the journalistic ambi-

tions that make news organizations work. The ambition be is most closely associated with was the decision during the 1980s to move Newsday, the successful Long Island newspaper, into competition with New York City newspapers by starting New York Newsday.

New York Newsday loses millions of dollars a year. As news of Mr. Laventhol's departure from the presidency spread last week, newspaper people were speculating about whether the company might now take a harder view of the New York losses.

Eurocurrency Deposits

Job Losses Spreading, Tokyo Says

to smooth out fluctuations.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche TOKYO - Japan painted a grim picture of its labor situation in a monthly economic report on Tues-day, warning that unemployment was now hitting manufacturers.

The report, by the Economic Planning Agency, continued the official description of the economy as "sluggish" and in "adjustment phase." There was no reference to

Business confidence declined in

October, due partly to the strong yen, the report said.

The ratio of job openings to job seekers dropped to 0.67 in October, or 67 job openings to every 100 job seekers, it said. That was the lowest level et al. 1027 level since June 1987.

The labor situation looks serious, especially among manufactur-ers," said an agency official. "This reflects slumping production at

Unemployment rose to a seasonally adjusted 2.7 percent in Octo-ber, its highest level in 68 months. Fears that companies would be forced to resort to large-scale layoffs have dampened consumer spending, a main engine for eco-

nomic growth.

Industrial production fell 5.1 percent in October from a month earlier and was off 6.2 percent com-pared with October 1992, accord-ing to preliminary figures. (Reuters, AFP)

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Dow Hits Record But Market Is Quiet

NEW YORK - The Dow Jones advance partially on the strength of iodustrial average jumped to a re- component Boeing Co. cord oo Tuesday, but broader mea-

N.Y. Stocks

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index added 0.33, to 466.76, while the Nasday Composite declined 1.74. to 769.35. after falling 1.13 Monday. The Amex Market Value Index inched up 1.58, to 467.40.

heao of institutional trading at Ladenburg. Thalmann & Co. At the same time, he said, interest rates have moved up, giving investors cause for concern.

A loss in bond prices Tuesday stymied sentiment in the stock market. The yield on the benchmark 30 year U.S. Treasury issue was 6.2 percent, up from 6.17 percent on Monday.

Boeing was one of the most acsures of the market posted only tive issues, soariog 2 to 40%. The meager gains.

The Dow barometer advanced 8.67 points, to a record 3.718.88, tors buy shares of the commercial improving on its Nov. 16 clear of improving on its Nov. 16 close of aircraft maker for the first time in

more than three years. But broader stock indexes RJR Nabisco was the most-aclagged, and market breadth — tive NYSE issue, rising h to 6%, after announcing a plan to cut 10 percent of its work force.

Long-distance telephone compaevenly divided between advancing and deckining New York Stock Exchange issues for much of the day — was not impressive, analysts said. Neither was trading volume, which totaled about 277 million shares, down from 292 million.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index seeking to enter the long-distance market. Ameritech rose 4 to 78%.

Sears rose 2 to 54%. "Sears has been one of the great stocks of the year," said Edward Laux, head trader at Kidder, Peabody & Co. "I think people are upbeat about the economy," said Richard Meyer. "People look at it as an economic the economy," said Richard Meyer. recovery play. Intel dipped is to 59%, after slid-

ing 4 points Monday on negative comments from a Merrill Lynch & Deere & Co. tumbled 3 to 70%. after a Smith Barney Shearson analyst. Tobias Levkovich, lowered his ratiog amid concern about the 1994

(Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

Weak Inflation Outlook Undermines the Dollar supply is still growing too fast to

NEW YORK - The dollar closed little changed on Tuesday. but dealers were downbeat on the currency's prospects. . There was speculation that re-

ports on inflation scheduled to appear later this week would not give the Federal Reserve Board an in-

Foreign Exchange

centive to raise interest rates, which would be beoeficial for the dollar. The U.S. unit finished the day at 1,7033 Deutsche marks, up slightly from 1.7014 DM, but it fell against yen, slipping to 107.48 from 107.95 as Japanese exporters sold

dollars for yen to reputriate profits. "As long as inflation is low and growth is slow, the Federal Reserve won't raise rates," said Koichi Takenaka, assistant vice president at at Morgan Grenfell in London. the Industrial Bank of Japan. son to buy dollars."

Fed vice chairman. "It seems quiet \$1.5047.

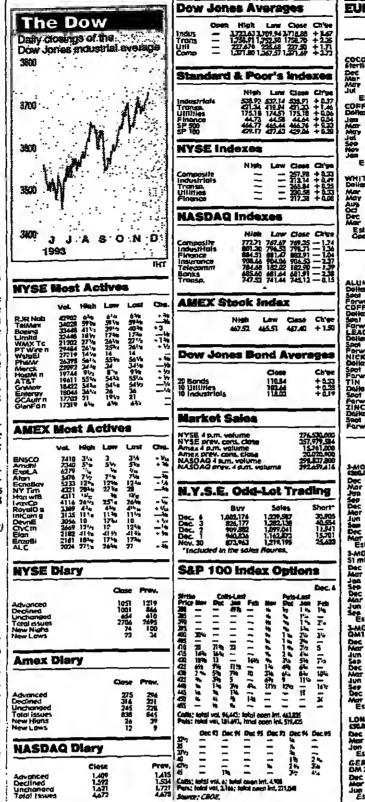
warrant a cut in German interest rates also kept the dollar under pressure, traders said. The Bundesbank said that the country's money supply grew 6.9 percent in October. up from an earlier estimate of 6.8

A dealer at Barclays, John Nelson, said the market was seeing the same pattern that has dominated trading for the past couple of days as investors liquidated dollar holdings and put the unit under consid-

Dealers said there appeared to be buying support for the dollar just below 1.70 Deutsche marks but that this could be tested in the near-term.

"The dollar's performance has already been quite lackluster," said Angus Armstrong, senior economist

Against other currencies, the dol-"Therefore, there's not much rea-son to buy dollars." lar eased to close at 1,4600 Swiss francs, down from 1,4612 francs. There is no evidence at this time but it rose to 5.8610 French francs. that inflationary pressures are up from 5.8415 francs. The pound building," said David Mullins, the closed at \$1.4930, down from



Metals Trader Says Unit Is Covered

FRANKFURT - The metals trading and mining company Metallgesellschaft AG said Tuesday it had adequate financial or credit cover to allow for any future decline in oil prices.

The company was responding to reports in Germany that its New York affiliate, MG Refining and Marketing Inc., had experienced liquidity problems in its dealings in oil futures.

"To cater for a further decline in oil prices, Metallgesellschaft has agreed upon suitable credit cover with Deutsche Bank AG and Dresdner Bank AG," it said. After the reports Monday, Metallgesellschaft's share price fell 46 Deutsche marks, or 11.7 percent, to 346.50 DM (\$202.69). It

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Accord Reached to End Coal Strike

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — The United Mine Workers of America and the nation's largest coal producers have reached a tentative contract agreement to end a seven-month strike by more than 17,000 miners in seven states.

A spokesman for the Bituminous Coal Operators Association said the agreement was reached with the help of a lederal mediator. No details

were provided on the terms of the accord. The national agreement on a five-year contract would cover up to 60,000 miners, officials said. If approved in a vote on Dec. 14, ir would end walkouts at mines owned by Peabody Holding Co., Consol Inc., Arch Mineral Corp.; Ziegler Coal Holding Co., Ashland Coal Inc. and Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal.

Strike Costs American \$160 Million

DALLAS (AP) - The strike by American Airlines' flight attendants reduced profits by at least \$160 million and cost the carrier 1.3 million passengers over the five days of the walkout, the airline said Tuesday.

The company repeated its earlier forecast that the strike would contribute to a loss for the final quarter of the year as well as for all of 1993.

Purchasing Managers Are Upbeat

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — The National Association of Purchasing Management said Tuesday it expected business to improve next year in the United States without generating a surge in inflation. In its semiannual economic forecast, the association said manufacturing revenue probably would increase 4.7 percent in 1994, unadjusted for inflation, while inflation would rise a "modest" 2.1 percent. It also said that Christmas sales this year would be the brightest in 10 years. Still, 40 percent of those participating in the association's survey predicted that manufacturing employment would decline in 1994, while only 23 percent expected it to increase. (Bloomberg, Knight-Rudder)

Reynolds to Absorb Major Charges

NEW YORK - Reynolds Metals Co. said Tuesday that it expected to take a charge to earnings of \$150 million to \$225 million after taxes for a

Planned restructuring of its operations.

The company said the restructuring would focus mostly on production units in an effort to improve performance at a time of "extremely difficult market conditions in the aluminum industry." About 125 jobs are to be cut.

Heinz Profit Up 25% in 2d Quarter

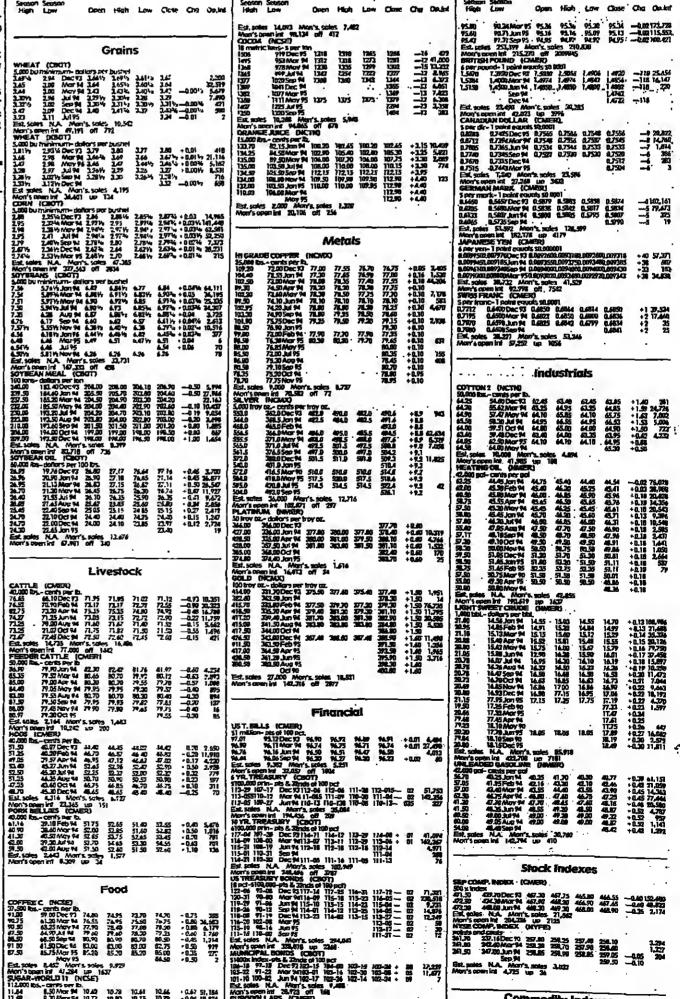
PITTSBURGH (AP) - H.J. Heinz Co. said Tuesday that its profit rose 25 percent in its second financial quarter due to the sale of two sses, an Italian candy unit and a Near East specialty rice business,

and a higher tax rate. Net income was computed at \$193.1 million, up 25.3 percent from a year ago.

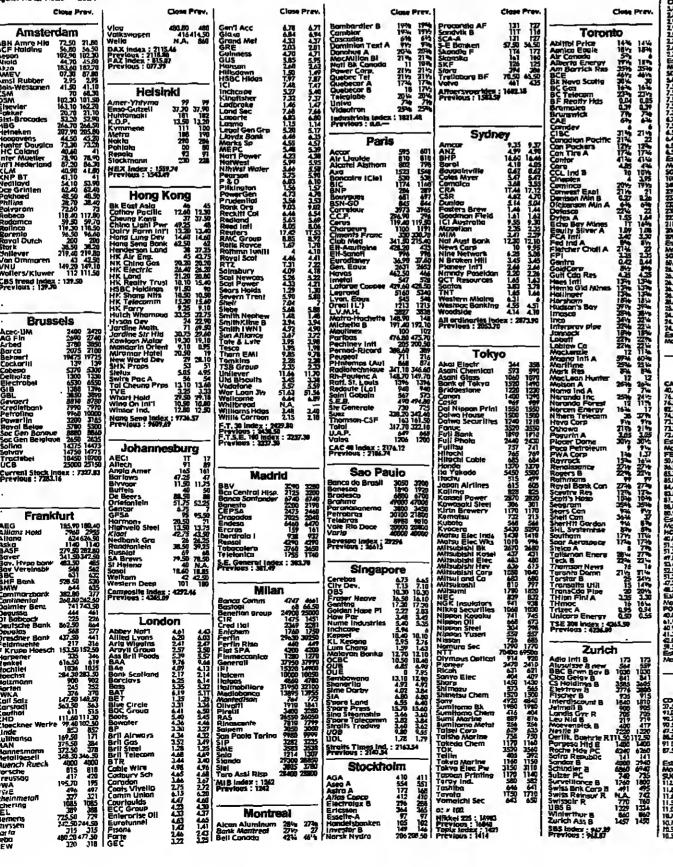
For the Record

Katy Industries Inc. has until Thursday to accept or reject a \$28-a-share takeover offer from Pensler Capital Corp. and Steinhardt Enterprise Inc., they said, after a Monday deadline passed without response. (Bloomberg) Deere & Co. reported a 25-fold rise in fourth-quarter earnings, buoyed by higher retail demand in its North American operations. Profit from operations was \$103.5 million, up from \$4.2 million last year. (Bloomberg) Upjohn Co. named John Zabriskie, a \$4-year-old Merck & Co. executive, as its chairman and chief executive officer. Upjohn has lacked a chief executive since the death of Theodore Cooper in April 1993. (Bloomberg) St. Jude Medical Co., the world's leading heart-valve manufacturer, said it would buy Electromedics for \$90 million in cash and stock. (Bloomberg)

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which boosted income by \$62 million.

Excluding proceeds of the sales, profit fell 15 percent in the quarter ended Oct. 27 due to a stronger U.S. dollar, higher marketing expenses

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Daimler Unit Weighs Foreign Plane Output

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches AG's Deutsche Aerospace AG subsidiary is considering making re-gional turboprop planes in China and Mexico because of high costs and insufficient government sup-

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The question is whether we will still have a German acrospace industry in three years," the Deutsche Acrospace chairman, Jürgen Schrempp, said Monday night, Mr. Schrempp also raised the

possibility that the company which sustained a net loss of 341 million Deutsche marks (\$200 million) in 1992 and expects a loss in the "three figure" millions of Deutsche marks for 1993 - might withdraw from the defense sector.

We hope to be able to maintain ourselves in the sector, but I'm really not sure. If things continue as they are, if projects are permanently scaled down or shelved, we will be obliged to ask ourselves if it is possible to continue in the sector," Mr. Schrempp said.

He affirmed, however, that Deutsche Aerospace believed it would return to profit in 1995 after expected losses in 1993 and 1994, due mainly to restructuring.

He also said cuts in the German military budget and the absence of a government program for promoting aerospace could lead to further job reductions at Deutsche Aerospace,

MUNICH - Daimler-Benz work force will be reduced by 16,000, to 70,000, by 1996.

The company has called on the government to increase support for the aerospace industry at a time of weak international demand and to case strict laws governing the ex-

Mr. Schrempp said domestic political uncertainties had prompted Deutsche Aerospace to discuss the possibility of producing the 19-seat turboprop Dornier 228 in China. Mexico, he said, has expressed

interest in building the more pow-erful Domier 328. The company has about 50 firm orders and nearly 30 options for the 33-seater, most of them in the United States. Mr. Schrempp said Deutsche

Aerospace's restructuring would include selling Dornier Medizin-technik GmbH, the unprofitable subsidiary of Dornier Luftfahrt GmbH, to the optical systems producer Jensoptik GmbH. Deutsche Aerospace is also

studying ventures in guided-missile and satellite technology with Aerospatiale of France, he said.

Mr. Schrempp predicted 1993 sales would be 17 billion to 18 billion DM, compared with 17.3 billion DM in 1992. But he said earnings would be burdened by about 1 billion DM in costs for restructuring and job cuts. (Reuters, AFX)

An American Wrangle in Georgia U.S. Firm and Republic Battle Over Phone Contract

By Barry Meier and Raymond Bonner New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- Three years ago, a fledgling New York-based company persuaded officials in the Soviet republic of Georgia to give it an exclusive 25-year contract to erect an elaborate international telephone system to connect it to the world in general.

What Georgia has received so far is a system on which no more than six people can make international calls at the same time plus stacks of telecommunications equipment still sitting on the lawn of the nation's parlia-

After the Georgian government changed hands last year, its officials concluded that Videotel Think Tank Corp. of Hempstead, New York, was not up to the task. So they terminated the contract, which the company valued at \$45 million, they sued it for fraud, and they opened talks with American Tele-

and they opened tanks with American Tele-phone & Telegraph Co. and other companies. But Videotel, which denied any wrongdo-ing and blamed Georgia's civil war for its problems, was not ready to give up. In the midst of Georgia's war, the U.S. ambassador to Georgia, Kent Brown, flew to the front last month to visit Eduard A. Shevardnadze, Georgia's leader, and asked him to restore the company's satellite link.

"We want to make sure that foreign markets are open to American companies and contracts are respected," said Strobe Talbott, ambassador-at-large to the Commonwealth of Independent States, the successor to the Soviet Union. He and other U.S. officials insist that they took no special action on Videotel's behalf.

The dispute over Videotel, a company with seven employees that has never installed a public telephone system and has no profits and no sizable office of its own, reflects the more than \$300,000 in bad and forged checks. rough-and-tumble nature of doing business in former Communist countries.

Besides producing lawsuits worldwide, the fight bas drawn in the World Bank as a party. Last year, the bank described Videotel in a memo as a "bottleneck" impeding Georgia's progress and indicated concerns about its exclusive relephone contract.

But Videotel has since persuaded the pank to withhold a \$40 million loan to upgrade

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Communist countries.

Georgia's telephone service until Georgian officials honor the company's contract. "We are caught in a whirlwind between a company and a government," said a World Bank official who insisted on not being iden-

tified. The loan, which could provide a bo-nanza to tiny Videotel, is still pending. One of Videotel's owners, Easa Easa, is a lawyer, a local Republican Party leader and an old friend of Senator Alfonse D'Amato, a New York Republican.

The other one, Joseph L. Schwartz, Videotel's chief executive, was indicted three times in New York in 1974 on charges of grand lar-cency involving accusations that he had passed

Mr. Schwartz said he pleaded guilty to two indictments and served two months of a oneyear prison sentence. "It was a long time ago. and I was a fool, be said.

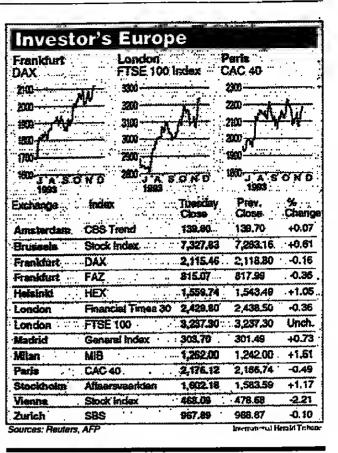
Others with claims pending against Videotel or its joint venture include Austrian Post. Telephone & Telegraph, which relays Georgian Intelcom's calls, and the Russian Satellite Communications Co., which carried those calls.

For Georgian officials, the issue is oot simply money but regaining control over a basic service at favorable terms. Videotel's pact gives it 80 percent of any profits from Georgian Intelcom, which provides interna-tional phone, telegraph, fax and mail service.

Videotel invested \$240,000 in the venture, and Georgia added \$60,000. Five of the seven board seats went to Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Easa, their wives and Jack Easa, Mr. Easa's brother and law partner. This means that we had lost control of a

strategic industry," said Nodar Kharatishvili, the first deputy in Georgia's Ministry of Communication. Like Mr. Kharatishvili, Mr. Shevardnadze has said bribery might have peen involved.

"ti is either ignorance, huge ignorance, or there is some dirt," Mr. Shevardnadze said. Mr. Schwartz rejected such suggestions and said Georgian officials had broken the deal because Videotel would not bribe them. He also said the contract was fair because Videotel had assumed the project's risks. He said Videotel had recently delivered equipment be estimated to be worth \$1 million but that Georgian officials had refused it. "I feel like it is a place that is in chaos and everyone does what is best for them and not what is best for the country," Mr. Schwartz said,



Very briefly:

 The European Community said its unemployment rate rose to 10.7 percent of the work force, or slightly more than 16 million people, in October, up by 0.1 percentage point from September. Spain's rate was calculated at 21.9 percent and that of Ireland at 18.4 percent.

 Belgium's central bank reduced its central interest rate by half a point, to 7.5 percent, while Denmark's central bank cut the interest rate on certificates of deposit by a quarter of a point, to 7 percent.

• Lathroke PLC, the troubled gambling, real estate and home improvement company, said it was canceling its offer to give a dividend in stock rather than cash due to the recent low price of its stock.

 CS Holding's shareholders approved a proposal to raise the Swiss bank's capital by 158 million Swiss francs (\$107.3 million), enabling it to raise its stake in Bank Leu to 100 percent from 54 percent.

· Russia's gross national product will shrink by 12 percent in 1993 after falling 20 percent in 1992, said Finance Minister Boris G. Fyodorov.

GERMANY: A Glimmer of Hope

percent in September, Its target for 1993 was 4.5 to 6.5 percent. Hilmar Kopper, chairman of Deutsche Bank AG, whose corporate contacts encompass all of German industry, predicted Tuesday

that Western Germany's economic

recovery would be "very, very flat." Yes, we've his bottom, but we will still be there for quite a while," he said, announcing a 50 percent increase in the bank's loan risk provisions this year, to 3 billion Deut-sche marks (\$1.75 billion), a record

Experience shows that at this point in recessions a lot of compa-

get back up because they have run out of resources," be said. Economists were particularly

wary of a 1.6 percent quarter-onquarter jump in private consumption. Consumers are known to have spending since the summer as fear of layoffs spreads, and the Federal Stastics Office in Wiesbaden said it would oot recommend extrapolating one quarter's figures to paint a rosy picture of growth.

"The squeeze oo real incomes, creasing tax burden all suggest that the consumer will be very careful over the coming year," said Richnies fall down and are not able to ard Reid, an economist at UBS.

Rhône to Delay Purchase

PARIS - Rhone-Poulenc SA's plan to acquire the remainder of its unit Institut Mérieux will probably not happen before the beginning of next year, Rhône said on Tuesday, Rhône-Poulenc plans to lift its stake in Merieux to 100 percent

from the current 51 percent. Executives said the boards of the two companies would decide on Dec. 13 whether to approve the terms of the merger or postpone it, following the Dec. 1 decision by Pasterr Mérieux Serums & Vaccins, an Institut Mericux subsidiary that makes vaccines, to suspend production of placental albumen, Sources close to the companies said the merger would probably be postponed.

The albumen business represents annual sales of 400 million francs (\$68 million), and Institut Merieux has said the decision would cut 1994 earnings by 150 million francs.

Key German Union Starts Contract Talks FRANKFURT - Crucial 1994 sented initial demands and are not million workers in Germany's key scheduled to resume until Jan. 17. carmaking and metalworking com-The union asked for a 5.5 percent panies, has said that it would agree agreement close to the 5.5 or 6

wage talks began on Tuesday in Germany's powerful metalworking industry as negotiators sought to bridge a huge gap between claims by the union IG Metall of up to 6 percent and management's quest to

Employers in the northern state of North Rhine-Westphalia initiated a round of talks in the industrial town of Krefeld with a call for a wage freeze and cutbacks in holiday bonuses.

to a lower wage increase if employ-ers would guarantee jobs, but it still wage increase. Elias Hadjiandreou, an official for the union IG Metall in the

oorthern state, described the employers' demands as a "damaging aggravation" of the situation. The union is seeking a pay rise of up to 6 percent and wants job guarantees for its members.

wants a pay rise to match inflation Leaders of the employers' group have said they were reluctant to

they may no longer need. Contracts agreed for the metal-

Most analysts doubt that any working industry traditionally set In the southern state of Bavaria, pay deal is likely until early 1994. the tone for accords in other secworking industry traditionally set

cent cut in annual pay and move to a four-day work week to enable the struggling carmaker to cut costs. (Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

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In the insurance sector, the DAG

union last week accepted a pay

agreement with a central element

At Volkswagen AG, workers

agreed last month to take a 10 per-

COMPANY RESULTS



GATT: U.S. and EC, Split on Aircraft and Films, Vow Last-Ditch Effort

Continued from Page 1 country that has long been seen as the biggest obstacle to a deal — France — expressed satisfaction with the Kantor-Brittan talks.

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its EC partners, but Germany warned that there would be no new money from its purse.

American and EC officials expressed optimism about resolving their differences over films and aircraft, but that will not be easy. The sectors are America's two biggest export carners, after agriculture, and President Bill Clinton has made clear pledges of support to Bocing Co. and to the entertainment industry.

Europe fears that its cultural identity will be threatened if Hollywood captures more of its next six years.

France's remaining demands for supporting a GATT deal largely involve concessions from

Mr. Kantor said the talks on film broke down over Europe's refusal to share royalties with American actors and producers, who dominate the European box office. Many EC countries levy a tax on sales of blank audio and video cassettes, with the proceeds solit between Europe's subsidy kitty for filmmakers and royalty vments to actors, writers and producers of films based on their share of the cinema market.

With the exception of Germany, countries and producers. An American source said the payments amounted to hundreds of millions of

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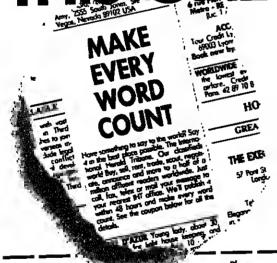
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Cathay Orders 6 Airbus Craft To Add Capacity

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG—Cathay Pacif-Boeing 777s between 1996 and 1998 and four Boeing 747-400s in ic Airways, Hong Kong's flag carrier, said it has placed an order with Airbus Industrie for six A-340-300 aircraft at a price of \$801 million to boost its medium-capacity routes between Europe and Asia.

Cathay, due to take delivery of the planes in 1996 and 1997, said it would begin operating leased A-340-200s in October on nonstop ser-

vices from Hong Kong to Amsterdam, Paris, Rome and Zarich, replacing them as the new jets arrived.

"It is a very good time to buy aircraft," said a Cathay spokeswoman. "It's a buyers' market out there at the mannest because the there at the moment because the ss is very depressed."

Roland Bruce, an analyst for Standard Chartered Securities, agreed that "this is a good time to be doing this with companies like Bocing laying off staff."

The six orders replace six of 14 options Cathay had on A-330-300 aircraft from Airbus. The other eight options for A-330-300s remain open, said the spokeswoman. The latest orders are in addition

to 10 medium-range Airbus A-330-300s ordered in 1989 for delivery in 1995 and 1996 to replace Cathay's aging Lockbeed fleet. The airline is

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the next timee years. Cathay Chairman Peter Suich said the purchase was consistent with a cost-catting campaign of the past two years: The A-340 is an extranely economic aircraft to operate and will contribute to the long-

term profitability of the airline.
"Although Cathay, and indeed the whole airline industry, are currently facing difficult times, we be-heve that this is a good time to buy aircraft, given that we foresee a second half of the decade," Mr.

The new aircraft would also give Cathay the opportunity to consider launching services to cities such as launching services to cities such as Berlin and Madrid from Hong Kong, said the Cathay spokeswom-an. Such services may be uneconom-

ic using larger aircraft, she added. CFM International, a joint venture between France's Specma, the government-owned manufacturer of jet engines, and General Electric Co. of the United States, said it obtained a contract worth \$210 million to supply Cathay Pacific with engines to equip the six newly ordered Airbus planes. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

SEOUL - South Korean carmakers, encour-

aged by booming sales this year, said on Tues-

Analysts said South Korea's total production

would increase to 2.35 million units next year from this year's estimated 2.04 million, while

exports would rise to as high as 800,000 from

this year's 635,000.
Sales for the industry would increase a healthy

15 percent to 19 trillion won (\$23.46 billion) next

year from this year's estimated 16.5 trillion won,

The major South Korean carmakers said they

expected sales rises of between 16.4 and 120

percent, thanks to a steady rise in domestic and

"Domestic customers will continue to buy

cars next year, attracted by new models. And world demand will continue to be strong," said Song Sang-boon, analyst at the Korea Automo-

Emerging markets such as Latin America,

Southeast Asia and China are expected to sharp-

bile Manufacturers' Association.

overseas demand.

day they expected a further rise in 1994.

Hong Kong Clears Broker Morgan Stanley Scrutinized on China

HONG KONG - The Securities and Futures Commission has cleared Morgan Stanley & Co. of wrongdoing after it sent local stock prices soaring and then plunging with conflicting recommenda-tions on China.

A spokesman for the commission, Welsey Mo-Dade, said Tuesday that the conclusion had followed an investigation into whether the Wall Street giant's stock and futures dealers had advance notice of the recommendations by two of its leading analysts.

The Morgan Stanley affair provoked a debate on the role of Wall Street houses that trade both on their own behalf and for clients, and whose most prominent analysts can sometimes send prices up or down sharply with their forecasts and recom-

Under roles against insider trading, investment houses must wall off their research and trading departments from one another to ensure that dealers cannot profit by learning of potentially market-moving recommendations by their colleagues before the rest of the market knows of them. Mr. McDade said the commission had looked at

whether Morgan Stanley had the appropriate pro-cedures in place to "control the flow of informa-tion within the firm." He said a review of the firm's trading activities in both Hong Kong equities and Hang Seng Index futures had disclosed that Morgan Stanley did have such appropriate procedures in place and that its traders "had no advance knowledge" of any the information contained in the reports.

"That's the end of the story," he said. The issue began with a report in September in which Barton Biggs, chairman of Morgan Stanley Asset Management, proclaimed himself to be "maximom bullish" about China's future economic growth. His comment provoked a frenzy of buying

Korean Carmakers See Sales Rise in '94

year. Mr. Song said the strength of the yen would help make South Korean cars more attractive. The favorable conditions that helped in-

crease car sales this year will remain. On top of

that, the world's economy is likely to recover in

1994," said Chung Phil-kyong, director of Kia

Hyundai Motor Co., South Korea's largest

sman said. Production is projected to rise 21.1 percent, to 1.15 million units, from an

carmaker, expects sales to to increase 16.4 per-cent, to 8.5 trillion won, next year from this year's estimated 7.3 trillion won, a company

Of total production, about 36 percent, or

410,000 units, would be exported, up 20.4 per-cent from this year's estimated 335,000 units.

"Our new models, notably the Flantra com-pact and Sonata II sedans, which were popular

this year among overseas customers, are expect-

ed to maintain their momentum. In addition,

we plan to increase exports of small trucks and

vans sharply," the Hyundai spokesman said. Kia, whose sales are expected to reach 4.2

Motors Corp.'s export division.

estimated 950,000 units, he said.

ly increase imports of South Korean cars next. trillion won this year, projected sales of 5.6

by American mutual funds using Henry King as a gateway to the mainland Chinese market.

As Japanese and European investors joured in the Hang Seng Index powered ahead almest 70

percent, reaching a peak on Nov. 15 of 9,733.34. The market then retreated, and later that week Morgan Stanley announced it was reducing its exposure to Hong Kong, relative to other markets. saving the flows of funds into investments based on the Chinese economy had created a "bubble on the Hong Kong market."

That recommendation sent the market numbing

Regulators said the brokerage firm's traders had "no advance knowledge" of its analysts' reports on Beijing's economy.

Nov. 19, causing a flurry of rumors and wide-spread cynicism among the local brokerage com-munity about Morgan Stanley's strategy.

The Hang Seng Index rebounded and passed its Nov. 15 high on Tuesday, closing at 9.736.57, up 126.88 points.

Morgan Stanley welcomed the commission's conclusion, saying it had strict procedures and a 40-member compliance department to ensure that its research and trading activities were separated.

"Although no breach of this policy took place. Morgan Stanley obviously does not take lightly the rumors or speculation about the integrity of its operations or its commitment to the interests of its

trillion won in 1994. A Kia spokesman said production would reach 780,000 units next year, up from 1993's 620,000 units. Exports will

soar to 260,000 units from an estimated 160,000

He said sales of the new model Sephia and

four-wheel-drive Sportage had picked up and shipments of cars as kits would help increase

"We will benefit from our new model cars.

They will enable us to expand overseas sales greatly, which have been limited by our ties

with joint-venture partners," the Kia spokes-

Kia's sub-compact Pride, called Festiva over-

seas, is produced in a technical tie-up with Mazda Motor Co. and sold overseas through

Daewoo Motor Co. said it expected its sales

to increase 45.5 percent, to 3.2 trillion won, next

year from this year's estimated 2.2 trillion won.

A Daewon executive said 1994 production would rise to 400,000 units, 180,000 of them

exported, from this year's estimated 310,000

Ford Motor Co.'s sales network.

Kia's total exports.

LANGKAWI ISLAND, Malaysia - Prime Minister Mahathir hin Mohamad said Tuesday that Malaysia was

hibition that Malaysia would begin manufacturing the German-designed Dornier Seastar CD-2 a twin-engined 14-seat amphibious airplane, in the

laysia began rolling off a production line in Perih in October, Known as the Eagle, the plane is made of composite material and will be made in Malaysia next year, Mr. Ma-

India Admits Foreign **Brokers**

BOMBAY - India has given foreign brokerage houses their first chance to operate in the country. allowing four firms to place orders on behalf of overseas institutional investors, officials said Tuesday.

James Capel & Co., Marlin Part-ners U.K. Ltó., Kleinwort Benson investment Securities (Asia) Ltd. and Credit Lyonnais Securities (Asia) Ltd. are the first firms allowed to place orders on behalf of averseas funds, according to Pratip Kar, executive director of the Secu-

rues and Exchange Board of India.
"This will give foreign brokers a bigger role in Indian markets. Until new they were only doing liaison between their clients and Indian crokers." Mr. Kar said.

Last year, for the first time since independence in 1947, India allowed select foreign institutions to invest in its 22 stock markets. Since the opening of the markets, 124 foreign funds have registered with the government and have invested up to \$650 million, Mr. Kar said. Foreign brokers with offices in Bombay said they were already do-22 extensive work for overseas clienis. "We are aiready doing everything a broker does, except write a contract," said Mark Bullough, managing director of Jardine Flem-

ing India Securities. Still, analysis said foreign funds were likely to boost investments because ordering through foreign bro-kers would ensure secrecy.

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Shift by Tokyo in Trade Talks

TOKYO - Japan proposed for the first time on Tuesday a set of quantitative criteria to assess measures aimed at expanding govern-ment procurement from foreign elecommunications suppliers, a U.S. official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, described the offer as a "positive movement" by the Japanese side, but refused to disclose details or comment further

ment contracts in a future telecom-munications agreement, along with the number of foreign suppliers un-tending meetings to explain Janznese bidding procedures.

The United States has insisted on the establishment of "objective criteria" to measure the opening of Japanese markets, as called for under a broad trade framework agresment signed in July. Talks on specific market sectors began in October.

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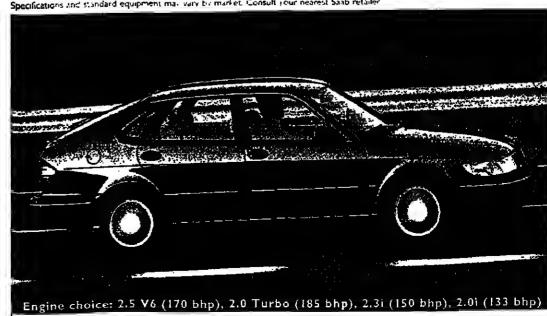
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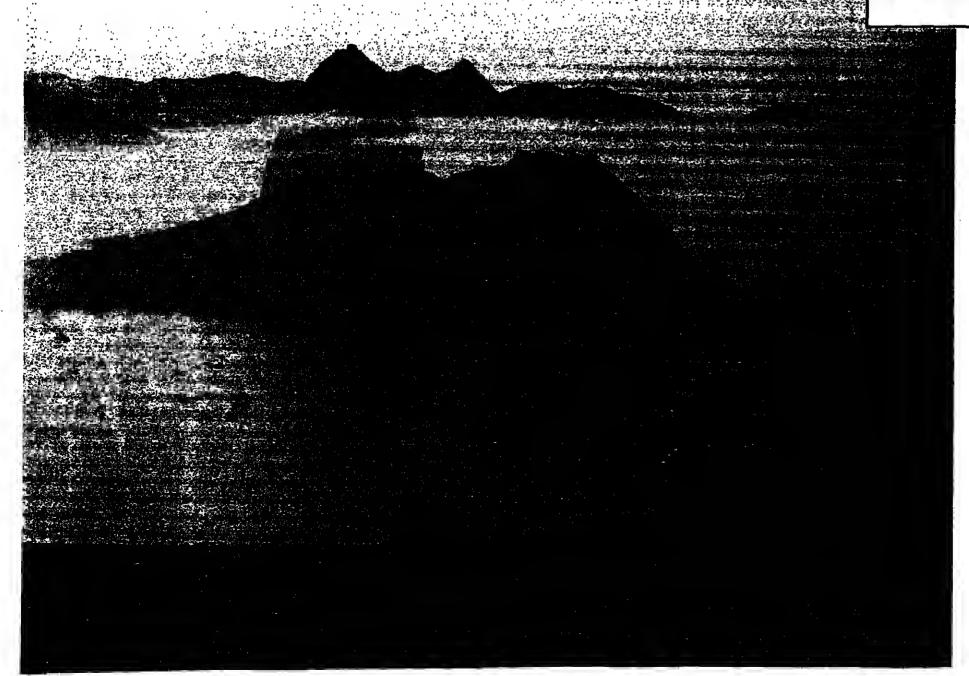
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Smith Powers Cowboys Past Eagles, 23-17

New York Times Service the Philadelphia Eagles figured out a way to slow Emmitt Smith, it was too late. By the time the Eagles

found a way to awaken their sleepy offense, it was way too late.

And as far as the Eagles' playoff plans in the National Football

League, it's too late for that, too.
The Dallas Cowboys remained
one game behind the New York Giants in the National Conference East Division race with a 23-17 victory Monday night.

This game was a lot like their

lirst this season, in Philadelphia on Halloween. Dallas won it by 23-10. and Smith rushed for 237 yards. with a 62-yard touchdown run late in the game that provided the final

This time. Smith rushed for 172 yards and provided a 57-yard jaunt to the Philadelphia 16 that set up the final points for Dallas. Fullback Darryl Johnston later scored those points on a 2-yard run with 9 minutes, 16 seconds to play. That

check until the big run. We were have a spell on us that has lasted the whole season. I don't know

nunning up alongside the coyote."
Bubby Brister — who was 27-of45 for 248 yards, two touchdowns. one interception — led the Eagles back on an 81-yard drive that was capped by his second touchdown pass to tight end Mark Bavaro, this one from 8 yards, to make it 23-17 with 3:45 left.

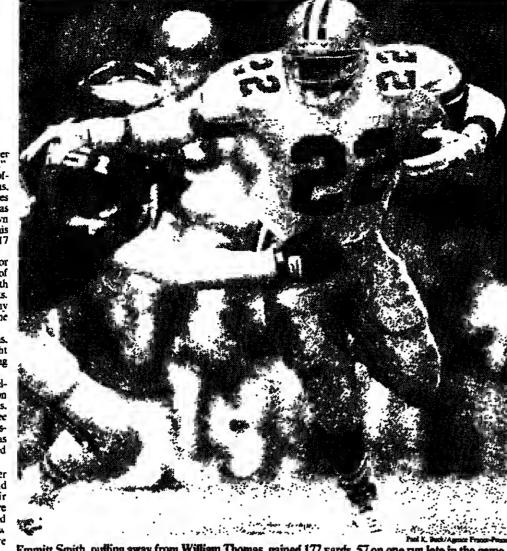
The Eagles got the ball hack for one last chance, but not much of one. They were at their own 11 with 55 seconds left and no timeouts. Brister was quickly intercepted by safety Bill Bates, who returned the

ball to the Philadelphia 14.

It was a big victory for Dallas, which was coming off two straight losses, including its Thanksgiving Day disaster bere against Miami. Dallas had dominated Philadelphia in the first half, scoring on

each of its four of possess while the Eagles gained only three first downs in their first four possessions. But on two of the Dallas scoring drives, the Eagles dropped interceptions. Eagles linebacker Seth Joyner

"They had three fumbles and "It was the right play at the right time." Smith said. "They had me in hands. It's unbelievable, like we struggling big-time. the whole season. I don't know when our time is going to be. We're



A No-Name Defense Is Honey for Bears

By Thomas George

New York Times Service CHICAGO - We know defense. Do we

know the Chicago Bears? Well, let's sec, there is Richard Dent and Steve McMichael on the line. We know them. In fact, McMichael played in his 187th con-secutive game bere on Sunday, breaking Walter Payton's team record. McMicbael made seven tackles and recovered a fumble during Chica-

go's 30-17 victory over Green Bay.

Not bad for a 35-year-old in his 14th season from the University of Texas.

We know safeties Mark Carrier and Shaun

Gayle and cornerback Donnell Woolford, Each of these guys has been around for at least three seasons and each has been a steady producer. That's just about it.

This is as no-name a defense as it gets when you are talking about the 10th-ranked defense in the National Football League but one that is

allowing only 12.6 points a game.

It is about as nondescript a group of achievers as we saw last season from the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys, when they finished the season with league's No.1-ranked defense. And there is the common thread

Coach Dave Wannstedt. Wannstedt knows defense

Now, apparently, so do the rest of the Bears. They are responding to his call as a first-year head coach just like the Cowboys did to his call as their defensive coordinator. They scored three touchdowns in lifting the Bears past Green Bay and into a three-way tie with the Packers and Lions in the National Foothall Conference Central Division with 7-5 records. And it wasn't just luck.

Take Brett Favre's fumble in the third quarter that led to linebacker Dante Jones's scooping the ball and rumhling 32 yards for a touchdown. On that play, the Bears sent all three linehackers up the middle on a ferocious blitz. That call, on first-and-10 from the Chicago

40-vard line, was enough to make Favre's eyes pop wide open. It was certainly enough to make Favre simply drop the hall while retreating from the rush and trying to make a throw. It doesn't likely happen unless the Bears call

Right call. Right time. Perfect result.

And this keeps happening in Chicago, with the Bears on a defensive roll that is startling. They allowed 20 points versus the Giants in a season-opening loss, Since, they have allowed 10 to Minnesota, 17 to Tampa Bay, 0 to Atlanta, 6 to Philadelphia, 19 to Minnesota, 17 to Green Bay, 16 to the Raiders, 13 to San Diego, 17 to Kansas City, 6 to Detroit and 17 to Green Bay. They have the only defense that has not allowed a 100-yard rusher. In their seven vic-

The Bears have become masters at showing you one thing, giving another.

tories. Chicago has 24 takeaways. In their five losses, they have three takeaways. defense by committee. Everyone plays, every-

one joins in the fun. Wannstedt has different groups for third-and-2 and third-and-12 situations. He runs people in and out of the game for short runs and long runs, short passes and deep passes. He throws a wave of defensive personnel at you

that takes on a nasty personality inside the 20. This is a defense that has become masterful at showing you one thing and giving you another.

It is long on upstart players, including cornerback Jeremy Lincoln and tackle Chris Zorich. It is producing despite a struggling Bears offense - it ranks dead last in passing - that helped keep the defense on the field for nearly three quarters on Sunday. It produced despite allowing 466 total yards hy the Packers.

"If you saw us in training camp, the way we

were coming together, you knew we could have something here," Dent said.

"The more we've been together, the more we've become one unit full of layers. We hope we can get a little more from the offense and get off the field a lot more. But no one is crying. We've just taken it upon ourselves to do our jobs and then some."

It is a wonderful formula. The offense, given the challenge from the Bears' defense, will improve. A three-game winning string against San Diego, Kansas City and Detroit — all winning teams and all on the road — gave the Bears confidence. They have games in Tampa Bay, at home against Denver and Detroit and at the Rams. All are very winnable with this defense. Four more victories would earn the Bears an

1-5 record and likely the Central Division title. That would be a remarkable feat for a team in a predicted rebuilding year, a team considered short on talent and speed, one that just didn't measure up in 1993.

Jones is one of the no-name Bears worth knowing. He replaced a future Hall of Famer. Mike Singletary, at middle linehacker, and in King Kong with Benji.

But Jones has been more than up to the task. He was stellar against the Packers and made his fourth interception, the most by a Bear at that position since Dick Butkus in 1971 and only three fewer than Singletary made in 12 seasons That tells you plenty about the changes in roles and in assignments that Wannstedt has made on this Bears defense.

"All we have now is an opportunity." Wann-

Carrier added: "We're surprising some people, sometimes even ourselves. We're circling the ball, we're aggressive, we're in a nice zone. We're in first place."

We know where the Bears were supposed to land. What a wonderful place they are in.

Reportedly

LONDON - Leeds has ex-

There has been widespread media speculation over the past two weeks that Gascoigne was returning to England and, Tuesday, Leeds became the latest club to be linked with him, although its manager, Howard Wilkinson, stressed that talks were at a tentative stage. In Rome, Enrico Bendoni, Lazio's general manager, said that "Paul Gascoigne is not going to be

simply not for sale. But Bendoni's comments added into the type of long-running saga that surrounded Gascoigne's transfer from Tottenham to Lazio for \$8.25 million last year.

Leeds, currently second in the Premier League, says it was alerted some time ago that the Italians were prepared to sell Gascoigne.

"We were contacted along with a number of other clubs including, I understand, Blackburn, Newcastle and Manchester United, and asked whether we would be interested in Gascoigne," Wilkinson said. Gascoigne is to return to action Sunday against Inventus after two months on the sidelines.

Gascoigne

pressed an interest in huying Paul Gascoigne from Lazio although the Italian club said Tuesday it had no intention of selling the English in-ternational midfielder.

letting their elbows stray into the faces of opponents, I doubt very much Mahbutt would be such a ghastly casualty today. YPICALLY, HE INTENDED making no bones about his misfor-A tune. His initial response was to ignore people urging him to take civil action. But as a senior member of the players' union, Mabbutt studied the video and then remarked: "There is a need to highlight the type of injuries caused by elbows." He described Fashanu's attempt as "a very clumsy challenge" and added that "at that moment John Fashanu was playing professional

football without due care and attention." sold hy Lazio at any price. He is After visiting the hospital, Fashanu said, "I feel terrible, as I always do when somebody's injured." He claimed that he, too, was injured by the elbow or arm of Mabbutt. Moreover, Fashanu and the Wimbledon cluh accused Tottenham of publicizing the incident to "blacken" Fashanu's

An Elbow Rash

would rather FIFA address the substance rather than the image, and prevent the discoloration and disfigurement of players' checkbones and

A metal plate beneath the skin is Mabbutt's legacy of a career stretching 655 games in senior soccer. He is 32, a gentleman of the penalty

again, while another English profes-sonal, John Uzzell, has not been able to even jog since his cheek was smashed in similar fashion two seasons ago. "I feel sure I will be back," insists Mabbutt. "I enjoy playing as much

now as I did when I started as a 15-year-old. The surgeon told me I am lucky to have retained the sight in my eye — a centimeter either way and

Beneath dark glasses, his eye, encircled hy purple, pink and black swelling, looks as if it had gone seven rounds with Mike Tyson. Indeed,

Fashanu has trained as a boxer, trained in unarmed combat, and reveled

He has broken noses with his elbow or forearm before. His boot has put

another professional, John O'Neil, permanently out of the game.

"The question of intent is questionable," Hackett said after viewing Tottenham's video of the Mabbutt incident. The referee is right: Trying to prove malice when two competitive athletes collide is unlikely to be

It was tried a year ago, when the charge of assault was filed after an elbow broke Uzzell's checkbone. The case was lost the moment Graham

Kelly, chief executive of the English Fontball Association, said under oath that he saw "two hundred" such collisions a week. Kelly's well-

meaning hut ill-advised defense of professionals, let alone the million or

so schoolboys the FA serves, makes legal retribution very remote.

Still, Peter Beardsley, another of England's finest, is considering

counsel's advice on an elbowing from Liverpool's Neil Ruddock which destroyed Beardsley's cheekbone in a pre-season "friendly."

Back in 1983, in the opening minutes of the European Cup final in Athens, Claudio Gentile of Juventus broke both cheek bones of Ham-

burg's Danish forward Lars Bastrup, Gentile is by all accounts a gentle

man, a collector of small birds. But had action been taken those 10 years

neither a new, nor a peculiarly English happening.

But wait. I write this in Italy about the English playing fields? It is

Hughes [

area skirmishes, a triumph of sporting propriety over the handicap of diabetes and the occupational hazard of a bro-

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it could have been different."

the sobriquet Fash the Bash.

Worse, Fashanu, a Nigerian, said that "if this incident had happened to a white player it would not have been blown up. It's character assassina-

The racial stur is Fashanu's invention. A thriving business millionaire and a television celebrity, he surely must know that Fashanu has been asked by the FA for his observations on the incident. He need only say it was a mistimed collision the like of which are seen 200

In the interests of sport it is time FIFA did away with the question of intent and instructed those men in black —or red or green or whatever — that the use of the elbow, accidental or otherwise, is foul play punishable

by the red card. A draconian measure, it will surely bring injustice. But at least it would err on the side of safety.

Rob Rughes is on the stuff of The Times.

It's Baseball No Matter M ILAN — Less than two weeks before the official draw for next summer's World Cup, the powers that be are talking of brightening up soccer by dressing the referees in new colors. Personally, I am comfortable with black as the mark of authority. I How It's Put

The Associated Press
HONOLULU — Is the language baseball international? From all indications, it is in the

If members of the FIFA's referees' committee, midged by the equipment manufacturers, see fit to alter the colors, so be it. They can have a merry time trying to prevent red or green patterns on the officials' uniforms from clashing with the rainbow of colors worn by Cameroonians or Colombians, not to mention the multicolored jerseys those manufacturers already issue to grafteeners. Hawaii Winter League.
Two composite teams, made up of Double-A and Single-A players from the United States and professional leagues in Japan and South Korea, have managed to overcome the language barrier to battle for the leaguest of the language partier to battle for the leaguest of the language charges on the language of the langu manufacturers already issue to goalkeepers.

But if there is time to change the colors, there ought to be time to legislate against the prevelent and injurious use of elbows in soccer.

Sooner or later, someone is going to be killed.

Such is the opinion of Osvaldo Ardiles, the diminutive playmaker for the Argentine side that won the 1978 World Cup. Today, Ardiles coaches.

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the league championship.

The Kanai Emeralds, with a sprinkling of players from South Korea, are managed by Trent Jewett of the Pittsburgh organization. The Hilo Stars are made up primarily of Japanese players.

Tottenham Hotspur, and is an angry and sickened man. His club captain, Gary Mabbutt, recently came close to losing an eye, and may yet lose his career, as a result of the mugging perpetrated by Wimbledon FC.

Mabbutt's head met the left elbow of John Fashant in the penalty area. An experienced referee, Keith Hackett, saw no foul, but it took two hours of surgery to piece together Mabbutt's right eye socket, broken in three places, and a cheekbone fractured in four. Tim Ireland, manager of the Stars, has an advantage over Jewen in that he played for two seasons in Japan with the Hiroshima Carp. Still, be has had some pretty con-

fusing moments.

"Like the time I went to the mound to talk about a runners-on-base situation," recalled Ireland, a manager in the Milwaukee farm system. "Here I had three Japanese players and two Americans around me. I give 'em the 'If the ball's hit here, we do this, and if the ball's bit there, we do that.' I was feeling pretty good about getting my message across as I turned to walk back

the dugout. "Then the American players called me back and asked, 'Hey, what about us.' I had forgotten I had talked only to the Japanese players in Japanese and left out the

other two gnys."
Said Jewett, "It's hard enough
communicating with a bunch of 20year-olds in English, let alone trying to do it in a language I don't

The Stars' catcher, loe Perona, said that "coming in, I knew this was going to be a challenge" in getting his thoughts across to a staff that has six pitchers from Ja-

It did not take long, In the first game of the season, the American starter got in trouble and in strolled Nacki Yoshida, a farmhand of the Orix Blue Wave.

"So I go running out there, and about a step from the mound, it his ago, had the likes of Marco van Basten and others been discouraged from me: 'Hey, the gry doesn't speak English and I don't speak a word of Japanese, either,' "Perona said. "So I'm wondering, 'O.K., what am I zoma do now?"

"I just stood there at first. Then I said a few things. He smiled at me. We both shook our heads, and I went back behind the plate.'

"I've been using a lot of sign language when I go out to the mound, but I think I'm finally get ting across," he added.

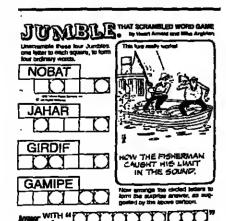
lreland just laughs. "He thinks he's a foreign diplo-

mat out there," the manager said. "He goes to the mound and talks his head off, and the Japanese just keep nodding, like they know what he's talking about. But I know for a fact they don't understand a word he's saying.

The nice thing about baseball, though, is we all pretty much speak the same language." Perona said.
"When something goes right, everyone pats each other on the back.
And we're all here for the same reasons, to play, to learn and to get better."

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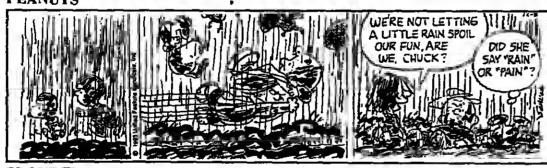




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SPORTS No Matter TV's Eurosport: Serving Mostly Junk Food for Jaded Sports Addicts How has a state of the st

By Ian Thomsen International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Eurosport, the satellite TV network, aims to break even by 1995. Can it happen if no one is watching?

Since merging in March with The European Sports Network, TESN, Eurosport has subjected its potential audience of 45 million to the lowest levels of quality. The production seems aimed at sports junkies, the thinking being that they will put up with anything to get their fix. The commentary is often so poor that a viewer would be better off muting the sound. Screens go blank habitually. Changes are made in schedules without warning, events are replayed in the wrong order. Employees tell of tapes so worn that the tape-decks cannot respond on

Things are so bad at the Paris-based Eurosport that ESPN, the 24-hour U.S. sports network and one-third shareholder, hired a consultant to review Eurosport's operations. Geoffrey Mason, a former executive producer for ABC Sports in America, suggested that Eurosport be moved out of French hands and into Germany, which covers 45 percent of the satellite TV

"Why not? Our main market is in Germany,"

But at this time it's not realistic. We have no money to waste."

Inherent in Mason's suggestion was criticism that the French, whose country provides only 2 percent of Enrosport's andience, are not attuned to the desires of sports lans throughout

"We are not a French channel," Dassier says. "We know that. Our permanent thinking is: What is it that we should say to our German clients? We know this perfectly. It is a kind of accident that the uplink is in France, the building is in France, that we speak French. Believe me, we know perfectly that the French market of Eurosport is not important."

Dassier's is the most complicated mission in European TV - to broadcast more than 100 sports annually in four to six languages, much of it live. One of Eurosport's distant goels is to produce programming unique to each of the core European languages. Thus far its only single-language branch is its French arm, a separate company operated by its ranking shareholder, Canal Plus, the French subscription channel

A source at Eurosport says a rift has devel-

president for Eurosport. "It is not a bad idea. French channel which oversees Eurosport's non-French business. When Canal Plus oversees production for the French Eurosport, the viewer is more likely to receive the professional commentary, insight and editing expected of a sports broadcast. The philosophy of Canal Plus is to swallow financial losses in order to develop a relationship with the audience. TFI, on the other hand, wants Eurosport to become profitable as soon as possible. Dassier, by the way, is also director of sports for TF1.

No one at Eurosport seems inclined to judge production on the basis of quality. Mason who did not respond to an interview request is reportedly interviewing four candidates from ESPN to become executive producer with sweeping powers over Eurosport starting early next year. However, Dassier is thought to prefer that the job be filled by a European - a suggestion he does not refute.

He also would like to hire at least three more oducers, but says the network cannot afford it. He agrees that quality control is Eurosport's

weakness, but "only a small one."

Viewers might disagree. People who have never announced on TV are readily hired by rosport at a fraction of the wages paid by its

four to six announcers, each speaking a different language, sitting in a row of soundproof booths in Paris. The English announcer might have done his homework, while the Dutch commentator in the booth next door might know relatively little about the event he is covering.

One commentator tells of announcing a short preview - then glancing up at his screen. horrified, to see that the game was beginning without warning. He went on to announce the match terribly, he felt, but what surprised him was that Eurosport asked him to return. "I don't think anyone there ever listened to my broadcast," he said.

"To improve production and enumentary, this will be our effort," says Dassier. "We respect the opinions of viewers, and it's probably true that TESN managed a little better its production and commentary. But this is because we have focused all our efforts on the

casting Union, EBU, in 1989. Eurosport has held rights to an unmatchable programming bloc. The EBU negotiates rights fees on behalf of Europe for major events such as the Olympies, Warld Cup soccer and the international

member, Eurosport can, in effect, purchase rights to other events from EBU member stations at bargain prices.

But on weekends, which is prime time for sports, Eurosport can be death to watch. There is hour after hour of Formula One motor racing (including all of the time trials and warm-no laps), and World Cup skiing (every heat regard-less of its significance), and ATP Tour tennis (which, arguably, is covered past the point of diminishing returns to the threshold of public boredom). But rather than promoting the diversity of its programming, the effect is that of simply filling airtime.

It is on such weekends that Eurosport earns its nickname as "the junkyard of the EBU," as one European TV executive calls it. While contending that the benefits of its EBU partnership are exaggerated, Dassier boasts that one-third of Eurosport's budget is devoted to rights fees. This percentage in itself is not impressive, especially since Eurosport cannot be spending much on production or announcers.

Even though be would refine claims that his network is all-take and no-give, Dassier would not reveal Eurosport's operating budget.

to the big events, such as the Winter Olympics which Eurosport will televise 24 hours per day in February. Those days might be numbered. A source at the International Amateur Athletic Federation predicts that rights fees to its World Championships soon will be offered separately to satellite broadcasters. If, as expected, a similar pose is adopted by the International Olympic Committee and FIFA, the international soccer federation, then the Eurosport-EBU link to major events will be cut. Eurosport would have to pay the full market price, perhaps by the end of the decade — with the likelihood of competition from other satellite networks.

"It is not serious to say these things," responds Dassier to such doomsday predictions. We are not a free, small and cheap channel. We have three big and very major shareholders. We will be in this position for a long, long time We are the channel who will stay longer in the market."

His cable-satellite audience is growing by 10,000 homes per day, he says; the future belongs to a fledgling network like his. But in the here and now, TF1 is reaching for the quick franc, officials in the business agree, and any sports fan on the same side of addiction is offended. What kind of foundation is that?

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Detlef Schrempf had the ball batted away by Mitchell Butler, but the Sonics stole it 23 times,

Sonics' Defense Makes Opponents Listen Up

SEATTLE - The Seattle Super-Sonies think their high-pressure, that could lead them to an National Basketball Association champion-

It's hard to argue with the pre-

The Sonics improved their record to 14-1 - the best start in the elub's 27-year history — and equaled a team record with 23 steals Monday night in a 103-96 victory over Washington. The Bullets, averaging 17 turn-overs a game, were forced into a season-high 30 that turned into 30

points for the Sonics. In the only other NBA same Monday, Utah beat New York 103-

No other team plays defense with the nonstop, double-teaming trap that the Sonics use.

People call it a crazy defense, Nate McMillan of the Sonics said. "It is a crazy, but it's under control. We know where we want to be. where we're supposed to be, where we're supposed to go and the rotations we're supposed to have."

So just how tough is it to play against the Sonies? With guards like Nate and (Gary) Payton, they're all over the

place," the Bullets' Tom Gugliotta

said. "They're so quick it seems like they have seven or eight guys out

The Sonics can play their gambling, relentless style of defense because they have the talent. Eight players had steals against Washington and the Sonics' steal leader

wasn't even a guard. All-Star forward Shawn Kemp, the team's best athlete, led Seattle with six. McMillan had four steals,

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

Payton three and Kendall Gill, Seattle's other guard, added two. "Even when we're not shooting well, we're stealing the ball," Gill said. Those opportunities make it a lot easier to win."

Fifteen games into their season, the Sonics lead the NBA in steals (13.2 a game) and forcing opponents into turnovers (21.6). They're also leading the league in shooting percentage (.508). Those layups

and dunks after steals add up fast. The Sonies' points come in bunches — fueled by a defense that takes the ball away from point guards with surprising case. A lot of good NBA point guards can look horrible when players like Kemp, McMillan, Payton, Gill and Detter

McKey, one of their defensive cornerstones, to Indiana Nov. 1, five days before their regular-season opener, in an effort to add more scoring.

They haven's missed McKey one bit. They've also won four straight since their Nov. 27 loss in Cleveland without Ricky Pierce, their top scorer the last two seasons. Pierce is sidelined with bone spurs in his left foot McMillan thinks the Sonics have

a chance to break the NBA singlegame record of 25 steals set by Golden State in 1975 and tied by the Warriors in 1989.

"I was talking to some of the guys from Washington after the game," McMillan said. "They said they couldn't believe bow quick we were on the floor. We want teams to worry about us, to feel like somebody is coming up behind them when no one is there. When you're playing like that, you're going to be out of your game and that's the way we want you to play."

Beating Washington for the second time in five days, Seattle got 18 points each from Gill and Kemp. Kemp also led the Sonies with nine rebounds. Schrempf added 15 points. Houston, which has the NBA's best record at 16-1, will play Scattle for the first time Saturday in Texas.

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Intrum Justitia Still Leads Tokio As Leg Nears End

The Associated Press FREMANTLE, Australia — The yacht Intrum Justitia continued late Tuesday to lead the Whit-bread Round the World Race as it headed toward the end of the sec-

ond leg of the competition.
The Whithread 60-class entry, captained by Britain's Lawrie Smith, reported its position as 449 nautical miles from this port on the west coast of Australia. It held a lead of 31 nautical miles

over Tokio, the Japanese-New Zealand entry skippered by Chris Dix-

Smith reported that he was working hard in light winds to maintain his advantage over Tokio. Race organizers predicted that Intrum Justitia would arrive in Fremantle either late Wednesday or early Thursday, depending on For the Record

weather conditions.

The third-place Yamaha, skip-pered by New Zealander Ross Field, reported to race control in Fremantle that it was 561 nautical miles from the finish New Zealand Endeavor, the Unotable

maxi-class leader, was fourth overall and 568 nautical miles from the finish line. Merit Cup of Switzerland was

second in the maxi class, 23 nauti-cal miles behind New Zealand Endeavor, with the French entry La Poste third in the class. The 7.558 nautical-mile second leg, the most dangerous of the race's six stages, began Nov. 13 in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

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Oxford Beats Cambridge in Rugby

TWICKENHAM, England (AP) — Canadian fly half Gary Rees kicked three penalties and a drop goal Tuesday and South African scrum half Fanie dn Toit scored a late, opportunist try as Oxford University regained the Bowring Bowl by beating Cambridge. 20-8, in rugby.

The 112th annual Oxford-Cambridge university game was watched by a match-record crowd of 66,000. Oxford's triumph cut Cambridge's lead down to 51-48, with 13 matches tied.

The game developed into a kicking contest between Rees and his fellow Canadian, Cambridge scrum half Chris Tynan. But while Tynan missed all the penalty and conversion chances that came his way, Rees kept

James and Henry to Play in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - Dion James, an ontifielder for the New York Yankees, and Dwayne Henry, a pitcher for the Seattle Mariners, have signed oneyear contracts to play in Japan next season for the Chunichi Dragons, the team announced Tuesday.

The Dragons did not disclose salaries, but Kyodo News Service estimated that James will get \$1.6 million and Henry \$450,000. James played in 115 games and batted .332 with seven home runs last season, while Henry had a 2-1 record. Both were free agents. • Infielders Tony Fernandez and Alfredn Griffin will not be offered salary arbitration, the Toronto Blue Jays said.

Michael Schumacher of Germany, the rising Formula One driver, signed a new three-year contract with the Benetton team. (Reuters)

AC Milan flew to Tokyo by chartered plane to play Sao Paulo of Brazil in the Intercontinental Cup final on Dec. 12.

• Sid Hartman of the Minneapolis Star Tribune, writing of Notre Dame's Lou Holtz: "He is as ethical and clean in all phases of the coaching business as any coach in the country." · Letter writer Willard L. Thompson of St. Paul: "This doesn't necessarily speak highly of the other guvs in the business."

Becker Drops Coach, But Can't Shake Slump

peared from the Grand Slam Cup len, who had been working with with a 7-5 6-4 first-round loss to Becker for only six months. South African Wayne Ferreira.

chael Stich at the start of 1993, began a two-month break after a the first six years of his career. rformance typical of the slump that has dropped out of the top 10 for the first time since he won Wimbledon as a teenager in 1985. Tuesday's match had the atmosphere of a farewell party from the

start. Everybody whn is anybody in Becker's life was at the courtside: His fiancee, Barbara Feltus, who is to give birth to their first child in January; many friends and several of his former coaches. But Ferreira, ranked 22d and un-

to win in 1 hour, 37 minutes. Becker's ground strokes lacked reaching the quarterfinals, making consistency and confidence his nearly \$4,000 a minute in matches volleys were erratic and his 13 aces that lasted just over an hour. The were nearly erased by 10 double-losers had to settle for \$100,000. faults. Two straight double-faults

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Computed by Our Staff From Dispatches gave Ferreira a key break in the MUNICH — Boris Becker end- 11th game, after Becker had wasted ed his teamis year Tuesday as he five break points in the sixth game. began it, amid controversy.

A few hours after it was announced that he had spot with his latest coach Price Island that the German was looking for a latest coach, Erie Jelen, the three-time Wimbledon champion disap-mer Davis Cup doubles partner Je-

Becker has now had four coaches Becker, whose refusal to play for in the last three years — Tomas Germany in the Davis Cup led to a Smid, Niki Pilic, Gunter Bresnik and Jelen — after engaging just Günther Bosch and Bob Brett in Becker prepared for the tourns

ment by training in Florida with Andre Agassi's former coach, Nick Bollettieri. That led to rumors they could team up; Bollettieri said Tuesday there had been no discussions but he would be interested. The cup, which invites 16 players with the best records from the four

Grand Slam events and pays the winner \$1.625 million, with Petr Korda beating Alexander Volkov, 6-2, 6-3, then Stefan Edberg's 6-3, seeded, gained a break in each set 6-2 victory over Todd Martin.
to win in 1 hour, 37 minutes. The winners earned \$262,500 for

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Beyond Peopledom

By Russell Baker

WASHINGTON — Whenever I find myself growing grim 25out the mouth; whenever it is a dump, drizzly November in my soul; whenever I find myself involuntarily pausing before coffin warehouses, then I account it high ... me to consult People magazine as soon as I can, for I recognize the mptoms all too clearly. Elitism

is cast its pall upon me.
The mail confirms it. "Elitist!" rowls the displeased reader, proud of being that celebrity-besotted orporate human. The Common erson, which is composed of The Common Man and The Common coman. People magazine is my care for this elitist onset.

Off I rush to the nearest doctor's, or denust's, or optometrist's office, ip past the receptionist without so auch as a "Have a nice day!" while iching a People off the coffee ta-

Why, you may ask, don't f read copie at the grocery checkout nunter? Because that's where I read ime and Newsweek to keep up th great trends of our age, thereby quiring my deplorable elitism. nere is something about checkoutunter reading that is conducive to ofound and high-toned thought.

I that something is, I suspect. ...her Time or Newsweek. People magazine, however.

ings me back into contact with reple, which is to say the great merican celebrity consumer who ows at a glance who Luke and innie are and who grazes happily Diana's Lonely Battle" is the

gover story in my filched People ingazine. Everyone not hlinded by litism will instantly recognize that the Diana doing lonely battle is not iana the Moon Goddess, nor . .dy Diana Duff Cooper who was evelyn Waugh's pen pal, nor the incomparable Diana Ross, supremest of Supremes. The only Diana for people who

· d People is the one now separat-_ from the Prince of Wales, If you :..: - to ask who Luke and Minnie and, you must be as elitist as I am. ought to be ashamed of yoursell, and had better filch a People anay.

It is safe to assume, though, that

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Luke and Minnie are not really people, because People practically never deals with people unless they have been murdered by killers so celehrated that they have risen above

mere people status and become ce-lebrines, which is to say — People. My filched People contains snaps of two women who have taken that road to fame, but the big photo is of the man who is suspected of killing perhaps 17 women, including these

two in the snapshots.

Some celebrities who fill the pages of People might take offense at the suggestion that they are not really people. Many celebrities go on for years kidding themselves about being real people, though it should be ohvious that if they were real people they couldn't possibly turn up in People magazine without getting murdered.

Elmore Leonard. America's most readable writer, makes the point perfectly in his novel "Get Shorty" when he describes a movie actor who wanted to be a regular guy, but had been a movie actor for so long he d forgotten how.

The whole point of People magazine is to gratify people's desire to read about humans who have escaped the shackles of peopledom and become celebrines, which is to say People with a capital P.

So I am rifling desperately through People. It is amazing how many new celebrides can spring up overnight. It's nice to see Billy Crystal survives: he was here last time I took the People cure. So were Yves Saint Laurent and Regis Phil-

hin, good old Regis. But rapper Tupac Shakur? Later 1 must turn to Page 89 to see if that name is maybe one of those put-on lokes about Joe Sixpak, Now, though. I'm too busy meeting David Marks, Oksana Baini, Kiki Ebsen, Bruce Campbell, Tom Dorrance, Penelope Ann Miller, And what about ethnobotanist Mark Plotkin!

Somebody, maybe Eric Sevareid. once defined a celebrity as a person who was famous for being famous. It must be worse than that, though, There's something cannibalistic in the public demand for People to feed on. Maybe a celebrity is also a person doomed to be eaten hy peo-

New York Times Service

A House Finland's Opera Can Call Home

By John Rockwell

New York Times Service

H ELSINKI — In recent years, Fin-land, with composers like Aulis Sallinen. Joonas Kokkonen, Einojuhani Rautavaara and Erik Bergman, has produced more operas of international distinction than any other country. For a small nation on the northern fringes of Europe, that is a remarkable achievement.
Almost as remarkable has been the fact

that up to this past week. Finland has lacked a theater specifically designed for opera. The two most prominent operatic entities in the country played in makeshift spaces: the Finnish National Opera in the 500-seat Alexander Theater, built in 1879 for the amusement of the Russian garrison stationed in Helsinki, and the Savonlinna Opera Festival in the temporarily covered courtyard of the 500-year-old Olavinlinna Castle.

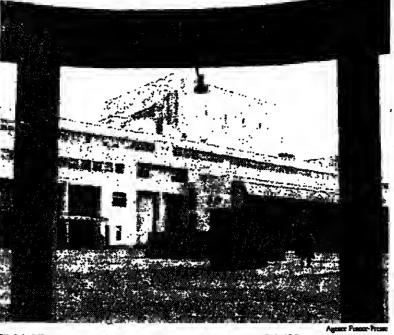
Now, that lack has been grandly recti-fied, and in a way that does belated bonor to the country's modern-day tradition of operatic composition. Last week the gleaming new Finnish National Opera on Toolonlahn Bay in the center of this city was inaugurated with Sallinen's gripping opera "Kullervo." The title role was sung by Jorma Hynninen. a world-renowned baritone who is also the former artistic director of the Finnish National Opera and the current director of the Savonlinna Opera Festival.

The opening was the beginning of a fiveday celebration of the new theater, which was in fact completed in the spring and has seen various concert, operas and hallets since May in productions adapted from the Alexander Theater. These were designed to acclimate the company to its vasily expanded new home, nearly three times the size of the old theater although, at 1.385 seats, still only one-third the size

of the Metropolitan Opera in New York. The week's festivities, which attracted dignitaries and critics from around the world, also included the first new production for the new theater by the Finnish National Ballet, "Swan Lake"; the first new production of a standard-repertory opera, "Carmen"; a repeat of "Kullervo" and a concert on Saturday.

"Now we Finns can show the world we can be successful in our art on our own turf," said Walton Gronroos, the company's director. "We don't need any more to go around the world," he added, referring to the company's frequent tours. "Now, the world will come to us.

The reaction in the Finnish press was rapturous, and there was good reason for rapture. The new huilding won an architectural competition in 1977. But what one Finnish critic called "a lack of money and



Helsinki's new opera house, with a seating capacity of 1,400.

political will" delayed the start of con-struction until 1986, with further delays caused by the recession and the bankruptcy of several subcontractors. The "Kullervo" premiere took place in Los Angeles in early 1992, after it had become clear that the Helsinki theater for which it was intended would not be ready. The total

cost of the construction was \$135 million. The design, by a three-man architectural team headed by Eero Hyvamaki, may lack the boldness of Alvar Aalto's Finlandia Hall on the same shore; to some, the exterior looks like dated corporate modernism. But its white walls and arched glass atriums hlend well with the light-colored exteriors of both Finlandia Hall and the National Theater on the other side

of the bay.

Inside, the theater is more striking still, with the high-tech look of so much Nordic architecture softened by light gray marble and polished parquet floors of red beech. The auditorium - there is also a flexible small hall seating between 200 and 500 may be intimate on American terms, with no seat farther than 100 feet (30.5 meters) from the stage. But backstage, everything is up-to-date, and company members have pronounced the acoustics first-rate.

The stage size is up to international standards, too, permitting the company to assay Wagner and other large-scale scores for the

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first time. Gronroos, who is still an ease ble member at the Deutsche Oper, of Ber-lin, will sing Wolfram when that company presents Wagner's "Tannhäuser" here in

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April, and there will be a Finnish produc-tion of "Lohengrin" in June. "Kullervo," which was warmly received at its Los Angeles premiere with the same production and much the same cast as last week in Helsinki, made a somber yet symbolically appropriate opening opera. That was partly because this tale of a cursed destroyer of all that he loves comes from the "Kalevala," the national epic of Finland.

Sibelius wrote a "Kullervo" Symphony, but shied away from opera. Salimen's score commues a compositional line from Wagner through Sibelius to modernity; its debts are obvious but so is its originality. The composer uses speech and electronic effects and dissonance where expressively appropriate. Yet his idiom has a gloomy Romantic breadth that appeals to interna-tional opera audiences. Certainly the performance, with not only Hynninen but also a supporting cast headed by Jorma Silvasti, a strong young tenor, and the veteran conductor Ulf Soderblum, did Sallinen's opera full justice.

Given the overthy mythical nature of "Kulleryo," there was some discussion the day after the performance at a symposium on new Finnish operas, as to just what the

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Finnish opera "boom" represents and how internationally appealing it can be. While the Finnish National Opera has performed several new operas widely, new Finnish opera has hardly joined the main-

stream repertory.

Partly, said Pekka Hako of the Finnish Music Information Center, that is because it is hard to whistle Finnish national val-"it is hard to winstle Frimish mandral varues." Seppo Heikinheimo, the chief music
critic for the leading Heisinki newspaper.
The Heisinki News, went so far as to suggest that the entire phenomenon had been
artificially created by the Finnish government's sponsoring tours and subsidizing
critics to come to Heisinki. This accusation of impropriety was met with shocked harrumphing, since most of the assembled crit-ics had indeed participated in a government

junket to attend the opening.

On the other hand, such payments are accepted practice in Europe, and Finnish opera has a truly wide appeal, proven by its solid sales on compact disks, especially in the United States. One might even suggest that Finnish composers have followed the same practice as Andrew Lloyd Web-ber, who has built anticipation for his musicals by first releasing recordings.
"Kullervo" was available for months before its Finnish premiere, and Bergman's "Singing Tree," not scheduled for its world premiere until 1995, is already in the

For the future, Gronroos said the main immediate need is for the company to adjust technically and psychologically to its spacious new surroundings, and to get used to presenting 200 opera and ballet performances in repertory over a 10-month season. "The small house is still in

the brains of our people," he said. The "Swan Lake" production was a recreation of Vladimir Bourmeister's version of the Petipa-Ivanov model by Josette Amiel of the Paris Opera Ballet School. The dancing was appealing but provincial, despite the 22-year-old Nina Nyvarinen's convincing Odette/Odile.

Gronroos, who has been accused of plotting too conservative a course, said he intended to sustain the company's commitment to Finnish operas, with a new production of Kokkonen's "Last Temptations" in September, "The Singing Tree" the following season and a world premiere in 1996-7.

He conceded that the very grandeur of the company's new home might daunt composers comfortable in less imposing circumstances, but he remained optimistic that the theater would ultimately benefit Finnish opera.

"I believe that our artistic level will be higher now," he said. "I hope everything will be easier for us, and that the creative power will still be very strong."

PEOPLE

Elke vs. Zsa Zsa: Jury Fines Gabor \$2 Million

A jury has awarded actress Eke Sommer 52 million in compensatory damages in a libel suit against Zsa Zsa Gabor and her busband who were accused of saying that Sommer was broke, balding and frequented sleazy bars. Sommer's attorney said his client declined to comment until the jury had fin-ished its work. The panel was scheduled to meet again to decide pumitive damages. Sommer, 53, claimed she suffered sleepless nights, headaches and nausea after remarks reportedly made by Gabor and her husband, Frederick von Anhalt, were published in a German magazine in 1990.

Let it be, said President Bill Clin-ton, and so Paul McCartaey has been invited to give a concert at the White House next year, according to his publicist. No date has been

Competition from Rush: About 200 well-wishers came to help Rush Limbaugh celebrate the publication of his second book, "See, I Told You So," at a Los Angeles cocktail party, held the same night as President Hill Clinton attended a fundraiser at the home of Marvin Davis. . 0

Richard Gere says his supermo-del wife Cindy Crawford "has been very vocal about wanting a family." In the latest issue of Vanity Fair, the actor said: "I think if it was something I didn't want to do, she would reluctantly withdraw from this relationship."

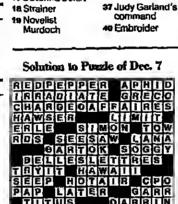
Michael Crichton says critics who accused him of Japan-bashing in "Rising Sun" left him so gun-shy-he got writer's block. He finally finished his new book, about a man who is sexually harassed by his woman boss. "Disclosure" is due out in January. "I couldn't proceed for several months," he said in a magazine interview. "I thought there was a possibility of such a strong response to this book that emotionally, I wasn't sure I'd be able to do it."

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